

DANGEROUSLY DRY

The Northwest Missourian looks at how the drought is affecting the University and northwest Missouri in a two-part report

PART 1: THE UNIVERSITY



A creek running through the south side of the R.T. Wright farm has slowed to a trickle due to a drought that began in November. The creek, which is normally

flowing now has minimal water. This has affected the crops and cattle at the farm.

PHOTO BY BILL KNUST/EDITOR IN CHIEF

Winter snow storm no match for drought

It takes 10 inches of snow to equal one inch of precipitation

By SARAH DITTMANN
COPY EDITOR

Northwest Missouri has been in a state of intensifying drought for more than six months now, and residents of the region are

beginning to worry.

At this point, it would take between 16 and 20 inches of precipitation to end the drought according to some estimates. Even with forecasts of snow, more than 13 feet would be needed to saturate the area.

Here on campus, the orange construction fence still taints Colden Pond due to the fact that Maryville has not had enough rain to refill it.

Many agricultural families are also suffering due to the drought because of the lack of soil mois-

ture as well as the scarcity of water to feed livestock.

Many people who are not directly affected by the drought right now may be able to feel its effects in a few months when the weather gets warmer if the condition does not improve.

While unlikely at this point, if spring rain does not improve the situation, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's drought page suggests that northwest Missouri residents could face water shortages, which could lead to rationing of water, school cancellations

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and other extreme measures to conserve water.

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Dry conditions impact campus

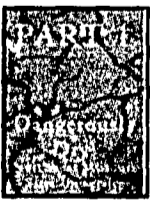
Dry weather keep Colden Pond's levels from rising

By MARK EUSTON
CHIEF REPORTER

The drought that has swept across northwest Missouri has affected many areas, and Colden Pond is no different.

The pond is surrounded by the now-familiar bright orange construction fence that was put in place to keep people from getting too close to it.

"Because there is almost no water in the pond, if someone fell in they could be hurt on the rocks or hard clay below," Lezlee Johnson, director of Landscape Services, said. "As soon as we get the water 30 inches away from the top it will be safe to remove the fence." (Please see "Pond" on page 7A)



Farm searches for answers to dry spell

Drought has affected farms crops, livestock

By PETE GUTSCHENRITTER
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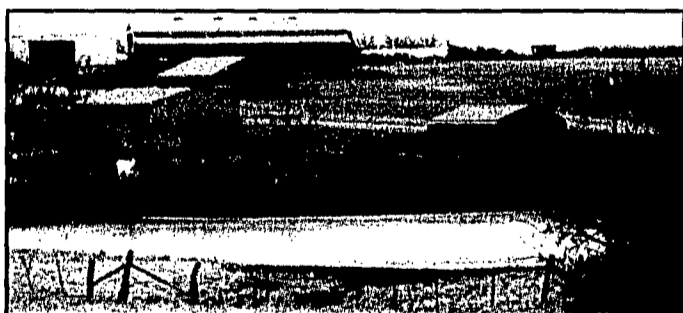
The date Nov. 5 does not mean much to most people, but it may have more significance for farmers across northwest Missouri and southwest Iowa.

The area has not seen significant precipitation since Nov. 5, and despite forecasts for snow in the coming days, the damage has already been done.

To see how dry it has become over the 71 days, look no further than the R.T. Wright Farm. Operated by Northwest students and faculty, the Wright farm has struggled to keep the water supply at normal levels.

Farm manager Jim Husz said taking care of the cattle has been a big concern.

"Ponds and water reserves are as low as they have been and we have to use rural water now (for the cattle)," Husz said. "The drought



The pond at the R.T. Wright Farm is also a victim of the drought. Cows that go to the pond to drink can now go down into it where it has dried up.

PHOTO BY BILL KNUST/EDITOR IN CHIEF

has also driven feed cost up. It is one of the worst in modern times."

Dried-up ponds and reservoirs are a common sight on the drive out to the 540-acre farm. The only water that is visible is the pond that runs along Highway 71.

The crops at the Wright farm, along with the water supply, have also taken a hit. After a dry summer that continued into late September, this particular drought may affect the yield in April.

Even though the yield for corn and soybeans may be low this Spring, Husz said it will not affect Northwest's budget.

Agriculture professor Duane Jewell said there is a chance that farms across the area can come back strong.

"It's one of those situations where if we really start getting some good moisture now, it would correct itself fairly easily," Jewell said. "But if we continue to have below-normal precipitation, then, of course, that's going to make the situation even worse."

Jewell said one of the reasons the area has been lacking precipitation is the weather phenomena El Niño and La Niña.

"There (Please see 'Farm' on page 7A)

Virus brings halt to school for Maryville

Area schools' absentee rates cause dismissal for today, Friday

By ABBY SIMONS
MANAGING EDITOR

With high fevers, sore throats and upset stomachs leaving students and teachers out of commission, recent influenza outbreaks have resulted in numerous school closings throughout northwest Missouri.

After fighting an increasing absence rate of nearly a third of students in Nodaway County schools, a number of administrators chose to close for the week in order to let the sickness run its course. While no rule or law exists forcing schools to close because of the outbreak, many dismissed upon the advice of county health departments.

Missouri school districts closing due to the influenza outbreak include North Nodaway, Nodaway-Holt, South Holt, St. Joseph, Union Star, and the Stanberry School District, which will resume today. Administrators in the Maryville R-II School District made the decision late Wednesday to cancel classes through the week.

As of noon Wednesday, Superintendent Jay Reese said 257 students in the district's three schools, approximately 19 percent of the student population, were absent because of flu-like symptoms, an increase from 157 students on Monday. Nearly 50 students left with the sickness before school ended Wednesday. Reese said that,

Flu Facts

Helpful Hints to avoid the flu:

- practice good handwashing
- get adequate rest
- eat healthy
- avoid crowds

School Closings:

- Maryville R-II School District
- Stanberry School District
- Mid-Buchanan County School District
- North Nodaway County School District
- Nodaway-Holt County School District
- Union Star School District
- St. Joseph School District
- North Daviess School District
- South Holt County School District

with the dismissal and time for those affected to recuperate, students will return Tuesday with a lessened risk of contracting the virus.

"We've been monitoring the numbers, and it just continued to increase," Reese said. "As long as the kids were in the buildings, it would continue to spread, so we sent them home in hopes that they would be healthy again for next Tuesday."

Reese said that, upon dismissal, the schools will be disinfected and left vacant until Tuesday. In the meantime, air conditioning systems will operate to pump fresh air into each building.

At Eugene Field Elementary, 82 of the school's 430 students were absent Wednesday, with more continuing to leave throughout the day, according to school nurse Christine (Please see 'Flu' on page 7A)

Board of Education reconsiders proposal

New firm sought to progress bond issue

By SARAH SWEDBERG
CHIEF REPORTER

Maryville's board of education is looking to find a way to place a bond issue on the April 8 ballot.

The board will try to accomplish the needs of their schools by looking for another bond consultant firm.

The main purpose of the board's meeting Wednesday was to interview three bond consulting firms. The firms interviewed were Larry J. Hart and Company, McLaney and Company and the Stern Brothers. The board received several pieces of information from these firms that will help them to proceed with their proposal.

However, Jay Reese, superintendent of the Maryville R-II School District, said the board will be given time to review all of the information.

"We will give them a few days to (Please see 'Bond' on page 7A)

Holden announces budget plans

Cigarette tax heads governor's list of taxes

By BILL KNUST
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Missouri Governor Bob Holden announced his plans Wednesday to make up a \$1 billion shortfall in the budget.

If his proposals pass through

legislation they will go before the state for a vote on July 1, the first day of Missouri's fiscal year.

Among the proposals Holden outlined are raising taxes on the rich, cigarettes and casinos.

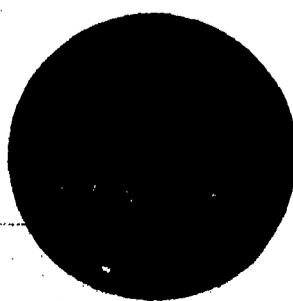
Although a proposed raise in the cigarette tax was not voted through in November, Holden proposed a 55-cent increase for every pack of cigarettes, which would generate an estimated \$279 million.

Another group expected to take a hit is (Please see 'Holden' on page 7A)

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Will the CD and DVD live up to the expectations of reviewer Scott Reynolds or are they just hype? Find out on the buzz.



KY Jelly or Astroglide? Which one will make Julian's cut?

Also, who is that dang Stroller, has Julian dated a "fat chick," what is the Chamber of Secrets and is a reader's boyfriend gay because he abstains from sex? For all this and more check out Ask Julian.



Poll question:

What is your favorite part of the Super Bowl?

- the game
- the commercials
- the halftime show
- the Super Bowl parties

Mascot makes visit to school

By KARA SWINK
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Horace Mann students sat impatiently Monday afternoon, eyes glued to the door on the east side of the gymnasium. Moments before, several had crossed the floor on tiptoe to take a peak through the door's window to be the first to catch a glimpse of a well-known visitor.

Finally, the tension lifted as the door-knob turned and a familiar, hairy figure bounded toward the cheering crowd. With hugs and high fives, KC Wolf, the Kansas City Chiefs mascot, presented the students with a fun, but educational school assembly, all thanks to one lucky and talented fifth-grader.

Bumseok Han designed a poster titled "Get a TD in Your Body" with a drawing of KC Wolf and Chiefs tight end Tony Gonzalez running down the field for the Priest Holmes Scoreboard Contest.

Han's drawing was one of 20 selected out of 7,000 entries from Missouri, Kansas and Iowa.

"I was really surprised and excited that I'd won," Han said, with a grin stretching ear to ear. "I did (the design) in 5 minutes because I was working on another assignment. All my friends were really excited for me. I guess you could call me 'Mr. Popular.'"



PHOTO BY KARA SWINK/WEB LIAISON

Horace Mann fifth-grader, Bumseok Han tries on the KC Wolf costume after being recognized by Dan Meers, KC Wolf impersonator, Monday for winning the Priest Holmes Scoreboard Contest. "I really had fun trying on the costume, but it was really stinky inside. But other than that, it was great," Han said.

Fifth-grade teacher Linda Heeler said she knew he had a shot at winning the contest when she saw Han's design in October.

"He is a person who can look at something and just draw it," she said. "I thought it was a terrific honor that he won."

During the assembly, Dan Meers, the man behind KC Wolf, presented Han

with a life-size Priest Holmes poster and certificate. He also shared a video with KC Wolf clips and discussed the importance of having a well-balanced diet.

Meers, who has been the Chiefs mascot for the past 13 years and who previously worked as Truman Tiger at the University of Missouri-Columbia during college, said going to grade schools dressed as a mascot gives him a way to relate to

students, making it easier to educate them.

"It's fun being a mascot and hanging out with kids everyday," he said. "It's important to me that I can come in and have an impact. It's always been my goal to be a character with character, as well as a good role model."

President addresses faculty regarding current budget crisis

President Dean Hubbard explains advantages, drawbacks of University's upcoming fiscal year

By ABBY SIMONS
MANAGING EDITOR

As universities throughout the state continue to struggle with an increasingly dwindling budget, the financial future of Northwest also remains uncertain.

Signaling the beginning of the spring trimester, Northwest President Dean Hubbard addressed the administration's current praises and concerns for the university's financial future at the faculty's Opening Convocation Jan. 9.

Taking precedence among the primary concerns of administration and faculty regarding the University's future is the state of Northwest's continually declining budget.

With a predicted state budget shortfall of \$300 million by the end of the fiscal year, more than \$67 million have been cut from Missouri's state budget.

While the cuts resulted in a number of layoffs from various state agencies, Missouri's state-funded institutions were spared.

"In the first round of cuts the governor made of \$67 million... higher education was held harmless, very deliberately," Hubbard said. "And we should all be very grateful for that."

Despite being saved from budget cuts, Hubbard said the University's financial woes are far from over. With a predicted \$1 billion budget shortfall for next year, resulting in the equivalent of a 17 percent cut from every state service.

"That's what we're looking at for next year, and there's no question that our anticipation that times are tight is going to continue, for at least another year," Hubbard said.

Hubbard illustrated the declining bud-

get by noting the University's budget, which was \$28.7 million in the 1999-2000 fiscal year.

The budget then increased the following year to \$31.7 million, and last year dropped to \$26.6 million. The budget then increased once again to \$28.9 million for the 2002-2003 year. Despite the significant loss of funding over time, Hubbard said Northwest is far from becoming significantly affected compared to other state universities.

"We've coped with (budget cuts) remarkably well, I believe," Hubbard said. "In fact, when I meet with fellow presidents, I can only think of one other institution in the state that appears to be handling it anywhere near as well as we have."

Hubbard said the University handled the cuts through dipping into reserves and cutting administration funds through not filling positions as well as consolidating departments.

In the face of a 10 percent base budget cut, Hubbard said administration was forced to slightly cut funding from academic programs. Despite the cuts, he pledged continuous quality to the faculty.

"We have tried to maintain the operation of the university with minimal negative impact on the quality of what our students experience or the environment that you have to work in as faculty."

DEAN HUBBARD
UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT

Not only resulting in the cutting of corners, the University's budget crisis also resulted in a two-year tuition increase of 22 percent.

Hubbard said administrators will once again be forced to increase tuition in order to recover from the costs, as well as maintaining the University's high efficiency.

Hubbard said the University's newest endeavor into cutting costs will involve turning to alumni for funding scholarships totaling nearly \$3 million that were previously University-funded.

Hubbard said if the University could shift some of the financial burden to alumni, it would place the administration one step closer to its goal of a much-needed salary increase for faculty, which may take effect next year.

"When I came here there had been three years with no salary increases and eight years with no operating budget increases," he said. "I think that begins to eat at the quality of an institution."

Volunteers hit streets for civil rights holiday

By PETE GUTSCHENRITTER
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The third Monday in January has always been recognized as a national holiday in honor of Martin Luther King Jr., but some Northwest students are taking the initiative to work on that day.

With local businesses and schools closed Jan. 20, Team Leadership and the Allegiance of Black Collegians joined forces to organize Martin Luther King Jr. Day "On" Day of Service for the third consecutive year.

Team Leadership and ABC board members will take groups of people to

various senior citizen homes and to the Children's Center. Students had the opportunity to sign up at various offices on campus throughout the week.

Lisa Doubna, volunteerism coordinator, said more than 100 students volunteered at the event last year.

"It came about a few years ago to get students involved on the day off," Doubna said. "It's something students can do to give back to the community."

Team Leadership is made up of 14 board members and they have meetings every other week. Board member Justin Corbett said the event is getting big.

"Last year was big and we're hoping to

be even bigger this year," Corbett said. "Fraternities, sororities and other organizations usually send representatives."

Corbett said the meaning of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, can sometimes get blurred.

"Martin Luther King Jr. Day is seen as a day off but the legacy King left was about serving people, and, instead of taking a day off, we should have a day on," Corbett said.

Sheena Lloyd, ABC social service chair, said about 10 to 20 students from various fraternities and sororities usually come out to volunteer.

"I think it's a good idea (to volunteer)," Lloyd said. "I think we have an upperhand

on other schools, and since it's such a small town we can make a big impact."

The day of service will begin at noon and volunteers are urged to meet at the living room area of the Student Union.

The event is not the first time volunteers have banded together in honor of the famed Civil Rights leader. In Philadelphia more than 10,000 volunteers celebrate the holiday with the Philadelphia Day of Service, the largest Martin Luther King Jr. Day volunteer project in the United States.

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Sigma Society sponsors annual bridal show, benefits local charities

Show themed "Going to the Chapel" displays dresses

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Extravagant white dresses, bridal vendors and women galore will fill the Mary Linn Auditorium at the Performing Arts Center during

the third annual Sigma Society Bridal Show. The show, themed "Going to the Chapel," will take place Jan. 26 and serves as a fundraiser for the Sigma Society, a service organization for women.

"I like this fundraiser because it is very realistic," said Betsy Burgess, bridal show chair. "Many girls our age are getting married, or are thinking about marriage or know someone who is getting married."

JoAnn Marich has been the Sigma Society faculty sponsor since 1970.

She said the show is great because the

women enjoy themselves and it gives them a chance to do service to the community and University.

The show will run from noon to 6 p.m. Booths from 23 vendors ranging from cake decorators, music and everything needed for a wedding will be displayed. At 2 p.m., members of Sigma Society will model various wedding dresses from shops in St. Joseph and Savannah.

In previous years, the show has brought in more than 150 spectators.

Burgess said the bridal show is one of her favorite activities.

"I like the sisterhood of Sigma Society and the bridal show gives an opportunity for all the girls to work together," she said.

Sigma Society performs service projects monthly and donates to charities weekly, including the Children's Center and Catholic Charities.

Some service projects include cleaning highways and volunteering at nursing homes.

Tickets to the show are available at the Student Services desk located on the first floor of the Administration Building for \$2 or at the door for \$3.



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MoDot to add signal lights

By STEPHANIE SUCKOW
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A possible solution has been found to resolve the controversy regarding safety at the intersection of U.S. Highway 71 and Business 71 at the southern edge of Maryville.

Missouri Department of Transportation officials have now decided to solve the problem by installing traffic signals and flashing warning signs to inform oncoming traffic of the new signals.

Local residents agree this will help, but are not convinced this should be the final step.

Gary Kinder and Joe Baumli are Maryville residents that have been working closely with officials to help them realize the importance of safety at this intersection.

"We feel this will be a temporary fix," said Kinder. "It will help with

safety some, but the accidents will still occur, I guess now they just won't be deadly."

Kinder and Baumli saw other options as more beneficial. These other options included adding an extra lane to both northbound and southbound lanes, widening the southbound lane and increasing the median width, increasing median length but leaving the rest of the intersection as is, or constructing an overpass.

Officials dealt with these options as they made their decision.

"We realized that an overpass would obviously be out of the picture due to budget reasons," said Shawn Soehren, area engineer. "We also discouraged the idea of widening the highway because it would have allowed a greater area for people to cross over and separate signals would have been necessary. It wouldn't have been the best idea."

Dave Ahlvers, district engineer, be-



Department of Transportation officials will replace stop signs and barricades with traffic signals and flashing warning signs. This will answer Highway 71 intersection safety concerns.

lieves the new signals will protect drivers turning and will eliminate vehicles from being in the median, although he is still open to the idea of an overpass.

"Right now funding is not available," said Ahlvers, "but work on a conceptual design has begun that will look at all three interchanges and the possibility of providing overpasses for

each one."

Baumli said he hopes to continue his relationship with the officials in order to ultimately provide Maryville with safe entrances and exits to make the community safer.

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Search for director continues for Chamber

By SARAH SWEDBERG
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The search has begun for a new executive director after the Jan. 3 resignation of Colleen Hastings from the Greater Maryville Chamber of Commerce.

Hastings' resignation did not come as a shock to the Chamber board members. President Mark Gregg said Hastings left because of differences pertaining to the board members and her position.

"I felt the board members and I were working in different directions," Hastings said. "I felt that it was necessary to submit a letter of resignation."

Both the Chamber and Hastings decline to comment on the issues leading to Hastings' resignation.

After Hastings resigned, the board met Jan. 7 to discuss the situation, and they are now accepting applications for the position of executive director until the end of January.

The board will be advertising the executive director position in newspapers as well as over the Internet.

"We will be advertising not only locally, but also more regionally," Gregg said.

The Chamber of Commerce will have applicants e-mail their resumes to the board on their Web site in hopes of hiring someone soon.

"We would like to hire someone as quickly as possible, but we are not going to rush into things just to hire someone," Gregg said.

Gregg said the board is currently looking for someone who is outgoing, goal-oriented, a self-starter and someone who would do a good job representing the community of Maryville.

"We are looking for someone who obviously would be in love with and committed to Maryville, and someone who would vest interest in the community," Gregg said.

Although the board has never been through the process of hiring an executive director, Gregg said he is confident in the process the board is taking to hire a qualified applicant.

"We have a pretty diverse board in terms

of their backgrounds and what businesses they represent, and we have a large group of talented people on the board," Gregg said. "We aren't really worried about it."

This month, the board will collect resumes, call suitable applicants who are most qualified for interviews, and then make a decision within the first two weeks of February.

When the board hires a new executive director, Gregg said the director's role will involve being out of the office more, visiting with people and helping businesses in the community.

"We will be expecting more out of the person we hire," Gregg said.

Gregg also said the board is looking for someone who has a different outlook on the position than past executive directors.

Although the board may favor applicants from the Maryville community, Gregg said the board is not going to limit their search to applicants from the community, but keep their options open.

"One thing that is kind of unique about the way we are approaching this is we have a general idea of what we think we want the person to do," Gregg said. "The job description of the person will largely depend on what kind of strengths the person has."

For now, board members and administrative assistant Tiffany Whipple will take on the executive director's responsibilities. Some of those responsibilities include representing the Chamber and Maryville at the sports show on Saturday as well as in Jefferson City in February.

"We have Tiffany Whipple as our administrative assistant who pretty much had her hands around everything that Colleen did," Gregg said. "Tiffany will be helping us do some of the administrative things Colleen has done many times."

While the board waits to hire a new executive director, Hastings will be pursuing other opportunities that she wishes not to disclose at this time.

But Hastings said she thinks the board will try hard to serve the community.

"I know that the board will try hard to serve the needs of its member businesses as well as continue to enhance the growth of the community in the years to come," Hastings said.

Local representative enters Missouri government

By MARK EUSTON
CHIEF REPORTER

With the induction of Rep. Brad Lager, and the 90 other newcomers into the state legislature, there is bound to be change in the state.

"First of all, the 90 new representatives will bring a totally new mindset to Jefferson City," Lager said. "Both new Democrats and Republicans have no mindset on how things were done in the past. We bring a new understanding and new goals on how things should be done."

Lager said that he had several goals, but one of his main goals was to put northwest Missouri on the map.

"Often times when you talk about our community in Jefferson City, many people don't even know where Maryville, or any of the surrounding communities are," Lager said. "Many people believe that northwest Missouri ends with St. Joseph. I am going to

work to change that. When decisions are made we need to be at the table educating our colleagues about northwest Missouri. Otherwise our voice won't be heard."

Transportation and the economic development of northwest Missouri are also goals topping Lager's list.

"However, that does not mean that other areas that need addressing will be left out, such as education," he said.

Lager plans to accomplish many of these goals by forming committees to address the topics.

"We are going to form committees in the areas of education, transportation, public safety, and economic development, as well as a variety of other areas," Lager said.

"These committees will be composed of citizens from all counties in District 5. Each committee will present a list of five points that they feel need to be addressed."

Lager has stated that he is adamantly against raising taxes.

"Voters have voiced twice in the last elections that they are against raising taxes," Lager said.

A task that all State Representatives are facing is working in correspondence with Gov. Bob Holden.

"During the orientation for the new representatives we had a chance to get to know much of the governor's staff," Lager said. "One of the biggest influences on the

governor is his staff and building relationships with them helps to build a relationship with the governor."

Lager said they must have goals that can be reached.

"We have to define a set of goals that can be met, while at the same time helping the citizens of District 4," Lager said.

Not only will the 90 new state representatives as a whole bring about a change in Missouri, but the legislature is also going to see differences because of the Republican majorities in both houses.

"The Republican majority will bring about change," Lager said. "Mostly it will bring about a more conservative attitude to the state."

Other goals that Lager has are to balance the budget in Missouri and to give aid to those in need.

"We as representatives need to make sure that those people who need money receive it," Lager said.

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BRAD LAGER
FOURTH DISTRICT
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Reserves prepare for war

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Over 50,000 U.S. National Guard and Reserve units have been called to active duty since Jan. 15. More than 500 Missouri Guard and Reserve units are a part of this effort.

With the presence of the 129th Field Artillery Battalion Headquarters, Maryville is not out of the possibility of being asked to send troops.

"Maryville has one unit and they are in no state of alert," said Tamara Spicer, Missouri public affairs officer. "And there is no way to determine right now if Maryville will be affected, but if the president decides more troops are necessary, then it could happen."

Troops around the state are ready to defend their nation and hope the president will find it necessary to call more upon Missouri.

"Like all other soldiers who wear the uniform I want only the opportunity to fulfill the obligations stated in the oath I swore to defend my state and country," said 2nd Lieutenant Nathaniel Oster. "However, in con-

junction with the contract of my early commission I will have to wait until the completion of my academic obligations here at Northwest to receive that opportunity."

The president has already found it necessary to call troops from St. Louis, Columbia, Jefferson City, Kansas City and other cities throughout the state into active duty.

This active duty includes 164 Air Force personnel, 92 Navy personnel and 316 Army Reserve personnel.

If asked to go on active duty, this does not automatically mean the troops will be deployed Oster said.

Although some troops will be sent to Iraq, others will be stationed at various forts around the nation and put in charge of daily operations, Oster said.

According to msnbc.com, defense officials have said this process of getting soldiers ready is part of a buildup for possible war with Iraq. Defense officials believe the United States will be ready for war by mid-to-late February with a force of 150,000 soldiers, sailors, Marines and airmen.

With numbers expected to increase, there is great possibility for more Missouri involvement in the future.

Singing for scholarships



PHOTO BY ABBY SIMONS/MANAGING EDITOR

Scholarship hopeful Megan Steele sings Johnnie Ray's "Cry" during the talent competition of Saturday's annual Scholarship Pageant at the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center. Rachel Espey was crowned Miss Northwest Counties 2003. Amber Etheridge was named Miss Northwest 2003.

Council discusses upcoming trail project

By MARK EUSTON
CHIEF REPORTER

Construction of the Carnegie Memorial Hiking and Biking trail was a hot topic at the Maryville City Council meeting Monday.

Andy Macias, project engineer for Snyder and Associates Engineers and Planners who currently holds the contract for the trail, said he expects the trail to be completed at some point next year.

The 4,600-foot trail, which would run through a part of the University, would give local residents a place to run and ride bikes.

Macias came to the Council requesting \$10,000 in addition to the original \$17,000 that the project was expected to cost. A new plan calling for a 2,000-foot addition to be added to the trail, accounted for part of the price increase.

"The original plan was close to 2,600 feet and started at Business 71 and ran to Munn Street," Macias said.

"This project is not quite double, but it is around 4,600 feet and starts at Country Club Drive."

Also on the agenda for the meeting was a \$10,000 computer system the Mozingo Lake Golf Course had requested.

The new system would be able to track the golf carts and take tee times as well as perform a variety of other tasks.

The Council also passed a motion allowing for an election April 8 to elect a new Councilman to fill the seat of Councilman Michael Thompson.

During the meeting the City Council tabled a motion to give \$7,000 to Nodaway County Economic Development until February when a member of the group could come speak with the City Council.

Citizens of Maryville and surrounding towns attended the meeting to voice their concerns with a proposal for a planned rate increase for the campgrounds at Mozingo Lake.

The topic, however, was not slated for the agenda until next week's meeting.

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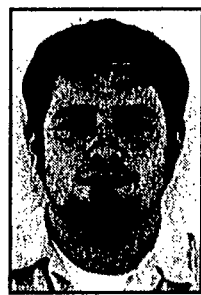
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The Fire This Time



JED MURR
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COLUMNIST

President's first gifts of '03 not very helpful

In late December and early January, while portions of the rich nations of the world enjoyed the holidays, and media pundits fawned over the "moral character" of our leaders, the Bush administration presented the world with a double dose of holiday cheer.

The first present came on Dec. 20, when the administration collaborated with the world's biggest pharmaceutical firms to ensure that millions of the poorest people on earth will continue to suffer and die without treatment.

In countries where basic medicines are completely unaffordable, six million people are dying every year of preventable diseases like AIDS and curable diseases like malaria and tuberculosis. Yet, Vice President Dick Cheney personally intervened on behalf of the United States to destroy a deal that would have provided a full range of affordable, life saving drugs to those countries. The other 143 countries of the World Trade Organization weren't quite deprived enough to side with the drug lobby against dying people, but, rest assured, the richest nation in history was. The message was clear: globalization has nothing to do with aiding people in the developing world and everything to do with globalizing (and maximizing) the profits of U.S. corporations.

But the administration wasn't content to leave the disease-ridden of the world with only that at Christmas time. The United States has also refused to contribute its fair share to a United Nations global fund to fight AIDS, TB and malaria. Of course, that part's not very surprising since we spend a smaller percentage of our gross national product on foreign assistance than any of the world's 20 richest nations—in fact, we aren't even willing to meet our own stated goal of 0.7 percent.

Don't worry, the Bush Administration wasn't about to leave the folks at home out in the cold without a present . . . OK, so that's precisely what they were doing, but at least they mentioned us when they announced the new budget proposal last week.

I guess we should start by mentioning some of the positive aspects. The budget's pride and joy is the permanent repeal of the tax on corporate dividends. At least two-thirds of the benefits of this bogus "economic stimulus" go to the wealthiest 5 percent of the population and Bush is counting on the rest of us being too dumb to realize that most of the money average Americans have in the market—in the form of 401(k) plans and IRAs—is already tax exempt.

But we shouldn't worry about that pesky \$300 billion that will be lost from the dividend taxes because Bush is helping you and me out by accelerating last year's tax cuts for the rich—you know, since repealing the estate tax for estates worth over \$1 million didn't quite help most of us, not to mention the 6 percent of the nation that's out of work.

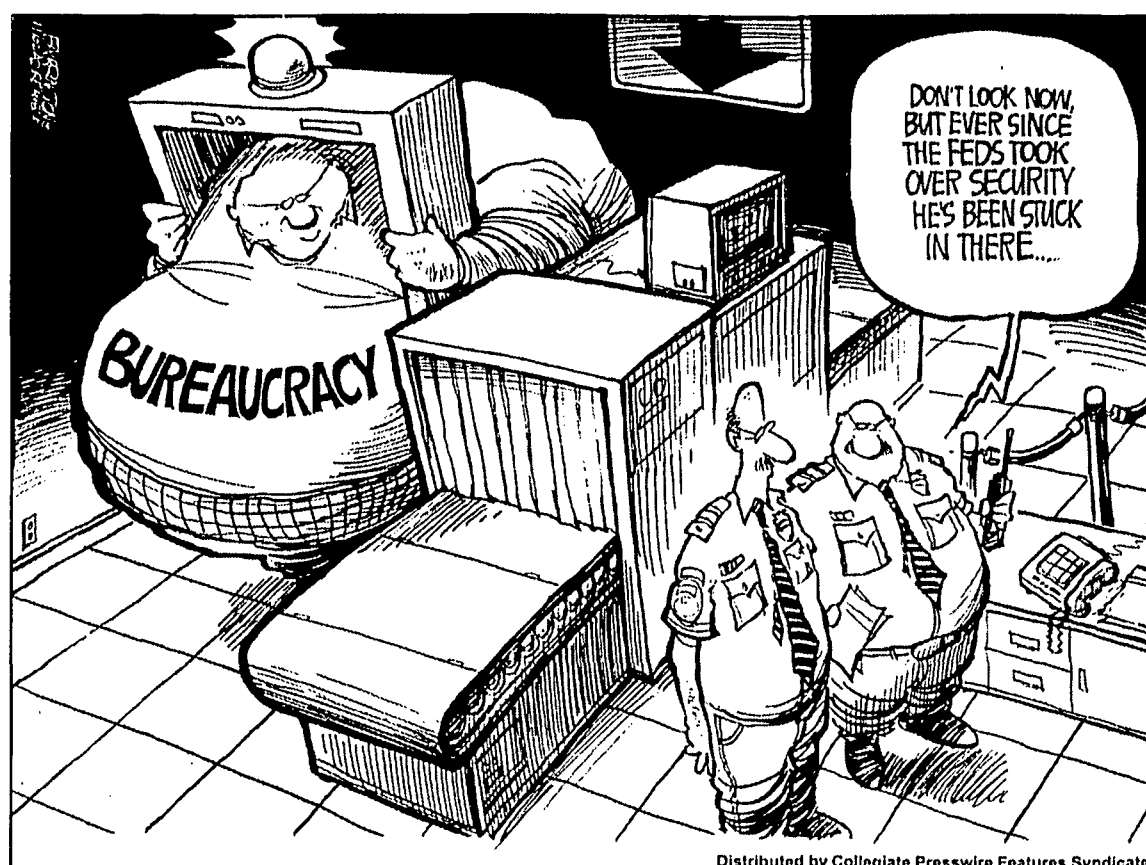
And that's only the beginning. As the *Chicago Tribune* outlined recently, Bush's generous budget not only gives some of us small refunds, it also makes sure that 40,000 senior citizens will be cut off from meal programs and over half a million families will be cut off from heating assistance.

And, like his No Child Left Behind (a.k.a. No Wealthy Child Left Behind) education program, the budget is especially focused on children: 8,000 homeless kids will be cut off from education programs, 33,000 kids will lose child care, and over 50,000 more children will be cut off from after-school programs.

As the *Boston Globe* put it last week, "For half a century, no president has begun his term with a worse economic performance" than has President Bush. But what are a few million losers when the wealthiest 10 percent continues to win?

All right, so the president's first two gifts of the holiday season didn't work out so well for most of the world, but I hear he's got a third present he's been holding on to that's supposed to make us all forget about the other ones. I think this one's for the Middle East and I'm sure it will be just as helpful and humane as his first two.

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Our View

Representative needs to step up

Lager should hold true to campaign promise, help with correction of intersection on Highway 71

Coming soon to a US Highway 71 intersection near you are stoplights and a reduction in the speed limit to 45 mph.

The dream of Highway 71 being a four-lane highway has nearly been realized. The only thing keeping it from being completely finished is the intersection on the south edge of Maryville.

That intersection has already caused the death of two people in a car accident. So, to prevent any further accidents, the Missouri Department of Transportation has decided to install stop lights.

It is the least expensive option in the plan and probably the quickest and easiest option as opposed to putting in an overpass.

The stoplights will be put up in the

spring and will cost \$150,000. Also being put in are warning lights to the north and south to warn drivers of the upcoming stoplights.

The problem with the stoplights is that the intersection in question is on a curve in the road. Drivers will have problems seeing the lights from a distance, and the lights could further contribute to congestion, something the widening of Highway 71 was supposed to mitigate.

The current problems have been caused by two errors made when the intersection was designed. The first was the fact that if a semi truck failed to pull all the way up to the stop sign in the middle of the intersection, its trailer would hang out in the highway, obstructing oncoming traffic.

Another problem with that same stop sign is that the median has a

dip in it making it hard for compact cars, like the one Emily Douglas, junior Missouri Rolla student was driving when his car was fatally struck by a semi.

For the right changes to occur, the officials we elected in November need to step up and do their part in Jefferson City. One of the big issues of Rep. Brad Lager's campaign was more accountability for MoDOT.

Here is Lager's chance to prove his campaign talk was not just smoke and mirrors, and that he is serious about his plans for MoDOT. He is this district's representative and he was elected to handle problems like these.

The Missourian knows Lager is only one man in a pool of many, but, nonetheless, we would like to see him try and make some noise on the issue.

My View

First day of classes provides range of teachers



STEPHANIE SUCKOW
COMMUNITY NEWS EDITOR

On the first day of class in a new semester, it is inevitable that your professor will walk in, hand out his or her syllabus and

immediately begin with a little summary of his or her life and teaching style.

The younger professors choose to take the stand that they are, in reality, only a few years older than us and therefore, able to relate to us on a more personal and understanding level.

These professors will use the word "cool," talk about the wild weekend they had and give us nicknames to call them in order to prove they are still young.

Professors on the other side of the age spectrum choose to begin by scaring us into total shock. They get in front of the class and tell how many people have failed their class over the 50 years they've been teaching, and say they wouldn't be surprised if more were added to that list.

These professors require you to use their

official title of "Doctor," and still can't quite figure out what that machine does on their desk and therefore announce that e-mail is not an option.

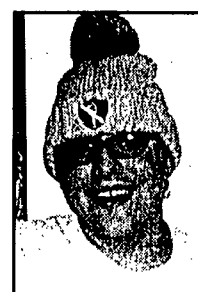
Then you have those other professors who haven't quite decided how old they are yet. They know they are too old to use the word "cool," but not quite old enough to bounce around the room and talk about motorcycles and Eminem.

This wide range of personalities helps the learning process become not only interesting and entertaining, but also provides us with a topic to discuss with new friends in the cafeteria.

In the end, we all enjoy the professor who likes talking to us like we're friends, and we all learn to respect the professor who has earned their right to be called "Doctor."

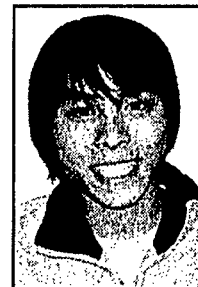
Your View

What are you most looking forward to in the spring semester?



"Meeting new people and making new friends."

April Sue Hunt
INTERACTIVE
DIGITAL
MEDIA &
VISUAL
IMAGING



"My Computer Programming II class and the pool is going to open soon. I'm excited about that."

King Kwan
COMPUTER
SCIENCE



"Student teaching, graduating and hanging out with my international and national friends"

Nathanael Schmitz
AGRICULTURAL
EDUCATION &
HORTICULTURE



"I just figured out what my major is so I'm excited to gain the experience and the opportunities that can go along with my major."

Nicole Schuchmann
SPEECH
COMMUNICATION

Letter to the Editor

Student takes Stroller's challenge about Senate

The Stroller's article concerning the Student Senate is not his first attempt at bashing organized government. In fact, after reading the article, I almost pushed it aside without another thought due to his biased article on the 2002 campaigns three months prior; however, I decided to take the Stroller's challenge and found, to much amazement, that he was right.

The Student Senate Web site gives the appearance of an organization that cares more about social functions than the needs of their constituents.

The minutes on the Student Senate Web page were littered with many issues that do not involve the non-Senate population of Northwest, such as agenda concerning their turkey dinner, a Halloween party and other inner-circle information.

I find it disheartening that our student-elected body has no other issues tacked onto the minutes besides a blood drive and a voting campaign.

I am now choosing to stand with the Stroller and challenge the Senate to reach out to the student body and find what problems students have at Northwest.

Pay heed to the concerns of your fellow students and disregard whether or not it would be easily accepted in the Senate. What is necessary is not always popular. Or else, students will take their issues elsewhere and power will be displaced.

JESSICA RESSLER
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"If you break something, fix it before you leave."

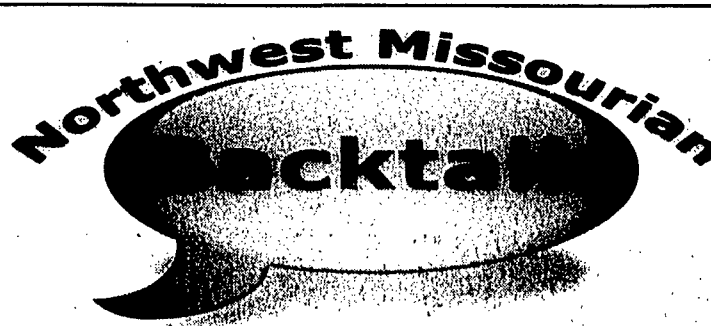
"Without townies, I would never get satisfaction."

"Quit standing dead cats up in the parking lot of Bearcat Lanes. It is cruel and inhumane."

"I wish someone would tell my math professor his fly is down."

"Thank you to the girls that were grinding on me at the Outback the other night. No one has come near me since I contracted syphilis over a year ago."

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My View

President outlines goals for Spring



By KARA KARSEN
STUDENT SENATE PRESIDENT

One of the most difficult challenges for any student government, including ours here at Northwest, is learning how to effectively operate in a time of short turnover. In a mere nine months, a group of committed, yet very busy students needs to unite, set a vision and goals, keep up with everyday business and, of course, make a difference. The start of this semester marks the halfway point of this Senate's year and it is time for us to evaluate what has been accomplished up to this point, inform you of what you can expect and to lay out the plans for success this semester.

The semester behind us was full of challenges. If you read

The Northwest Missourian you read about some of the difficulties we faced internally as the result of impeachment proceedings and the external struggles we faced especially regarding comments from the Stroller. However, looking past those instances, the Northwest Student Senate did move forward.

As a senate, we are adjusting well to the changes in our committee and meeting structure and, while doing so, passed some key pieces to our bylaws. The first open forum was hosted on the topic of

"Dead Week" and your feedback about the Student Association of Missouri (SAM) allowed us to continue moving forward with its potential for increased involvement with Northwest. In addition, members of the Student Senate were fortunate to have visitors at the meetings to share important information about changes on campus, and as a result we were able to effectively communicate to students about changes in the state's budget, Northwest's Residential Life, the Capital Campaign and even the trash issue.

This trimester promises to keep us all busy, and we are excited about all of the events and opportunities to serve in the very near future. Most importantly, we look forward to your participation and input through the next few months; your feedback will allow us to be as effective as we can in our work. Highlighted below are some of the key items we would like you to be informed about:

■ Communication and outreach are crucial! We look forward to doing all we can, but, as you know, communication is two-sided, and we need your help! First, please visit our newly designed Web site at www.nwmissouri.edu/~ssenate and take a moment to look at the Student Senate bulletin board on the bottom floor of the union which highlights Senate news and events. In addition, the pictures of your representatives have been posted on both the Web site and bulletin board.

Feel free to stop into the office, send an e-mail, make a phone call, come to the meetings or the forums, and, of course, feel free to approach anyone at any time. We will do our part to partner with *The Northwest Missourian*, KZLX, Northwest This Week, Channel 9 and Notices of the Day to share information as well.

The annual legislative reception at the Capitol building in Jefferson City is

one of the most important events for the University and Student Senate. During this event, our students, faculty, staff, administration and alumni partner to showcase our University by lobbying on behalf of Northwest. This polished event is an amazing experience for all who participate — and we would love to take you with us!

■ In February, Student Senate will honor fellow students who have been selected to receive the Who's Who Among American Colleges and Universities Award. The celebration of quality people at Northwest will continue in April when we will honor individuals and teams from across campus with the distinguished Tower Service and Commitment to Quality Awards.

Northwest Week will also be held in April and promises to be a week packed full of activities, free food and celebrating being a Bearcat for all members of the Northwest community! It is also Student Senate's hope to celebrate its 80th year of existence on this campus.

■ Elections for the upcoming year are fast approaching, and soon Northwest students will have the opportunity to vote for the next Senate body via WebStar beginning April 7. Pay attention to the campaigning around campus and be ready to vote!

■ Finally, our weekly meetings will continue to be held on Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. in the J.W. Jones Student Union boardroom. In addition, the five committees operated within Student Senate will meet at designated times throughout the week. It is during these meetings that the above-mentioned business is conducted, a difference is made and, ultimately, a vision is realized. We encourage and welcome you to attend for the second trimester of this year and to unite with us as Northwest students!

My View

Editor disagrees with ethics of cloning group



By SARAH DITTMANN
COPY EDITOR

We have reached a very frightening point in history where we must face the decision of whether or not to allow humans to be cloned.

One company, disregarding the apprehensions of millions of global citizens for the outlandish wishes of an estimated 55,000 members of a sect known as the Raelians, has apparently, though they offer no conclusive proof as of yet, created the first human clone.

The company, Clonaid, was formed by the Raelians in the hope that they might be able to eventually create everlasting life through transporting memories, feelings and virtually all human thought processes from one individual into a clone.

"Then, we will wake up after death in a brand new body just like after a good night sleep!" proclaims Rael, the founder of the Raelian Revolution.

Science right now offers no plausible way to accomplish such a feat without transplanting a person's brain into his or her clone, but brain tissue cannot remain alive forever. This is evidenced by dis-

eases such as Alzheimer's. Even through the use of artificial intelligence, there would be no way to perfectly replicate an individual's thought processes. Humans are random; artificial intelligence is not.

To truly understand the labyrinthine issues surrounding Clonaid, one must first take a look at the anti-religion driving the proponents of the company.

The Raelians follow the teachings of Rael, a French journalist who claims that, in 1976, he was visited by a humanoid alien after having a sudden urge to take a walk in the French countryside.

The alien apparently informed him that humans had been created by this alien race and that the Hebrew word "Elohim" which appears in the Old Testament has been repeatedly mistranslated to mean "God." According to the alien and followers of the religion, "Elohim" actually means "those who came from the sky."

The alien further explained that they were the basis of the gods in the main world religions, Buddhism, Judaism, Christianity and Islam. The alien also claimed that the main prophets in each of these religions was educated by the aliens to inform the masses of the "true" Elohim.

Their prophets obviously did not have the desired effect considering they spawned four new dominant religions instead of revealing the so-called "truth."

The Raelian Web site goes as far as to state that the resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth was an advanced form of cloning.

There is obviously a disturbing number of holes in the Raelian belief system, but surely the same can be said about many religions.

However, the Raelian Revolution is

not the main issue at the moment. The crux of the problem is the careless, evasive manner in which Clonaid has treated the extremely touchy issue of human cloning.

The argument has been made that science cannot be stopped, but at the same time, careful consideration has to be taken, and an agreement should be reached by all nations when considering such a life-changing, ethically complex issue.

Clonaid has disregarded the entire world population excepting the 55,000 members of the Raelian Revolution by proceeding with the cloning process.

However, it is possible that they were not in fact successful in creating a clone, as they will offer no proof through genetic tests for fear that the clone, known as Eve, will be taken from her mother and father.

It just seems a bit odd that under law there is no reason to remove a child from his or her home unless the child is in danger or neglect. So one must assume that either something went horribly wrong with the cloning process or perhaps Eve is not a clone at all, and allowing the girl to be submitted for testing would prove that.

Clonaid has already shown its disregard for the global concern surrounding the issue of human cloning, and yet, they continue to shirk responsibility by hiding whatever secrets surround the supposed human clone.

If Clonaid expects to be taken seriously and to become a respected research company, it needs to step up and be accountable to the public, because in the end, it will have to answer to more than just its 55,000 supporters.

National Views on...

Iraq & North Korea

Writer assesses 2002 looks ahead to 2003

By UZMA KOLSY
DAILY BRUIN (U. CALIFORNIA-LOS ANGELES)

(U-WIRE) LOS ANGELES - As a new year dawns upon this dazed and confused nation, it is only fitting that we take a broad look back at the past year that redefined the concepts of justice and liberty.

This country was founded on the ideal of freedom and the promise of individual liberty. In the wake of national tragedies, however, 2002 became a bleak reminder that ethics are compromised in the name of national security.

Driven by the intention of ferreting out terrorists from our midst, the U.S. government set in motion a system that openly infringes upon the civil rights of ordinary American citizens. Legislative agendas included the perpetuation of the USA Patriot Act — a program that inflated the investigative and surveillance powers of the executive branch. Civil liberties were suspended and ignored on the basis of suspicion.

Within the year, the growing suspicions of a nation in fear was brought to light, as the Immigration and Naturalization Service detained thousands of people of "suspicious" nature. Many were kept

for lengthy periods of time and in discrete locations.

Americans watched in awe, others in apathy and still others in fear as programs like the Terrorism Information and Prevention System and the Total Information Awareness Act were put on the Congressional table. These programs called for spying on a person's private life by means of state-of-the-art spy gadgets or local snitches.

"What does all of this mean?" you might ask. It means that our country, or at least our government, is prepared to embrace a surveillance society. The repercussions of the Sept. 11, 2001, tragedy are vast and unfortunate. In order to prevent further domestic, national or global terrorism, our government has taken the wise, yet costly step of preparation and prevention within its borders. One of the expenses of this step is a sacrifice of civil liberties and privacy rights among unsuspecting citizens, immigrants and non-immigrants. Even if we are not ready to give up our rightful freedoms, the government has done it for us.

Furthermore, we have undertaken more than one rumble on foreign soil at the expense of the global community. The United States resorted to the quick-fix solution of declaring war on a foreign and somewhat obscure enemy in-

stead of peacefully rethinking its policies abroad. The "War on Terrorism" targeted the enemy responsible for the tragedy of Sept. 11, 2001. But everything has its price, and the death toll that the Afghan civilian population has suffered has paid the price in full. Nobody seems to remember, however, that innocent Afghans weren't supposed to be the United States' enemy.

The war on terrorism went down another endless road when the Bush administration rallied the country in support of a war in Iraq. And as 2003 commences, we find ourselves at the brink of another battle in a land overseas, in a far-off place. As a nation, we aspire to eliminate a potential threat to global security, and the lives of thousands of innocent Iraqi civilians will perish in the process.

We survived through the year of 2002. In the chaos of the post-Sept. 11, 2001 world, the U.S. government tried to pluck out terrorists and potential terrorists from our presence in order to revert this country to its past glory: the relative safety from the evils of the modern world. The expense of this safety we earned was a few Constitutional freedoms and the stripping of the liberties from many Americans and thousands of foreign lives. Thank God for the conventions of the civilized world.

Bush has evil axes to grind with Iraq, North Korea

By JOHN LOVEJOY
CHICAGO MAROON (U. CHICAGO)

(U-WIRE) CHICAGO - Habitual critics of President Bush are fond of pointing out the discrepancy between his policies on Iraq and North Korea. They observe that Bush is edging the country closer to war with Iraq while taking a less aggressive track with North Korea. Since the two situations both involve rogue states developing nuclear, chemical, and biological (NBC) weapons, they argue that there must be sinister motives behind Bush's disparate articles. And to think Bush is the one called a simpleton! Anyone who thinks the two situations should be treated identically is ignoring the obvious, and there is no reason to think the two situations warrant identical approaches.

Even if the United States wanted to attack North Korea, it physically could not do so. China and South Korea are the only two countries bordering the North, and neither will let us use their borders now or in the foreseeable future. That leaves the possibility of an amphibious invasion from Japan, and Douglas MacArthur left town fifty years ago. Therefore, threatening North Korea with military action could

only be self-defeating, as they would have no reason to fear such a threat.

This problem does not exist with Iraq, as we have several allies bordering it who are willing to let us use their territory as a launching pad for attacks. Combine this consideration with the fact that North Korea has a large, well-trained, and well-equipped military, while Iraq does not.

Additionally, North Korea has close ties to China, and to the south. While neither of these countries would permit an invasion by the U.S., these relationships swing both ways. It is easier to negotiate with North Korea because we could have China and South Korea pressure them.

Iraq has no allies. Russia and France have opposed an American invasion, but that is because they do business with Iraq and do not want to lose money. Both countries have indicated a willingness to be bought off with promises in exchange for dropping their objections. As for Iraq's neighbors, their expressed solidarity with Iraq is more about opposing the United States than actual support for Saddam Hussein's regime. They would secretly be happy to see Hussein gone.

Axis of evil rhetoric has a lot of liberals here and abroad convinced that Bush is some dimwitted ideologue.

What they do not realize is that Ronald Reagan used the same strident language against the Soviet Union, then proved more willing than most to negotiate arms reductions with its communist regime when the opportunity arose.

Bush's detractors have extremely short memories. All the trouble facing us now, in Iraq, in North Korea, and with al Qaeda, is partly the result of our previous commander-in-chief being asleep at the foreign policy switch. He was hosting self-congratulatory summits between Arafat and the Israelis (look at how successful they've proven) while doing nothing to respond to the USS Cole and embassy bombings.

I endorse war with Iraq at this point. We have to do something internationally to show our strength and resolve. For too long we have relied on scraps of paper and empty promises to defend ourselves. The past 18 months have shown the futility of this policy. Even if there is not unambiguous evidence of NBC weapons in Iraq, does anyone really think that Hussein does not have these capacities? Anyone who insists that weapons inspectors need to find evidence first is deluding himself: it's time to end that ridiculous charade and show who's No. 1 again.

Writer questions president's agenda for war in Middle East

By ROBERT MASTERSON
THE FLYER NEWS (U. DAYTON)

(U-WIRE) DAYTON, Ohio - On CNN a few weeks ago there was talk about reinstating "mandatory military service" — a draft.

I felt it appropriate to question this idea and of these course lead me to question any military intervention in Iraq.

What is Bush's moral imperative for having young people fighting in Iraq? I can't see one. Some will say that we must prevent Iraq from developing nuclear weapons. If we can have them why can't other people? Simply because then we will have to negotiate with them instead of just pushing them around? I am sorry but I don't have much sympathy for that type of thinking.

Would Hussein actually use them? I don't see that happening because he wants to remain in power and if he used a nuclear device the entire world would be screaming for his head (assuming we hadn't nuked him in retaliation

first).

Hussein has held on, ruthlessly, to power for decades against the wishes of many people to remove him. He is obviously intelligent enough to know what he has to do to stay alive and stay in power. He would consider the consequences of using such devices and knows it would never be tolerated at best it would be way too much of a risk to his future to seriously consider using them.

Others will say we shouldn't question the president, but I am sure we can all recall Vietnam where 60,000 Americans followed their president and died for such blind patriotism only to have it revealed later there was no substantial threat to the United States and that the war was unnecessary.

Furthermore, why should any of us kill or die for Bush? What has he ever done to earn loyalty and respect from any of us? He has never been in combat. When the terrorists attacked he ran like the coward he is but now after some tough talk he wants others to die for his political ambition?

He can't even say he was, beyond doubt, legitimately elected president; he certainly didn't have the support of half of voting Americans. He has never done anything but be a politician who wheels and deals and asks others to do his dirty work.

Should we give him our support? I suppose that is up to each individual person, but there is no way I would ever consider killing and dying for a person with so little courage, so little character, such a suspicious political career and who has seemingly no moral imperative except that he wants a war.

Further, it seems to me that he has done extremely little to help working-class Americans whom he now wants to fight for him. Maybe he should try and get the corporate executives whose butts he is so busy kissing to join the military and fight in Iraq.

Ultimately what Americans want is security. Liberty must be upheld for all peoples or we will all lose it, and all the security in the world won't ease the pain of the bondage we will have placed ourselves in.



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Calendar of Events

Thurs. 16th ■ IM basketball shooting
contests begins
■ IM pool tournament entries close, noon
■ Wings Support Group, 11:30 a.m., 6 p.m., Children and Family Center
■ Focus on Kids Program for Divorcing Parents, 4 p.m., 7 p.m. Chamber of Commerce Meeting Room

Mon. 20th ■ Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday, no classes
■ IM basketball officials I meeting, 4:30 p.m.
■ Alcoholics Anonymous, 6 p.m., First United Methodist Church

Fri. 17th ■ Alcoholics Anonymous, 8 p.m., Conception Abbey

Tues. 21st ■ IM basketball officials II meeting, 4:30 p.m.
■ IM pool tournament begins
■ IM 5-on-5 basketball entries close, noon
■ Cancer Support Group Meeting, 6-7:30 p.m., Laura Street Baptist Church
■ Lion Tamer's Anonymous, 7 p.m., Laura Street Baptist Church
■ La Leche League Breastfeeding Support Group, Maryville Public Library

Sat. 18th ■ Four-State Honor Music Festival, 5 p.m., Mary Linn Auditorium
■ Missouri Academy Preview Day, 5 p.m., Union Ballroom
■ Single Adults' Party, 7 p.m., The Hangar
■ 4-H Computer Workshop Day, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Colden Hall

Wed. 22nd ■ Alcoholics Anonymous, 6 p.m., Margaret Davidson Square

Sun. 19th ■ Maryville Parks and Recreation/ Open Gym, 1-3 p.m., Maryville High School Gymnasium

Thur. 23rd ■ IM 5-on-5 basketball meeting, 4 p.m.
■ IM basketball officials III meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Northwest's center, were recently notified of a voluntary recall by Aventis Pasteur of four lots of single-dose vials of Menomune-AC/Y/W-135 vaccine.

Aventis, the manufacturers of the vaccine, initiated the recall of the vaccine because of a potential for reduced protection against disease caused by serogroup A. The recall applies only to specific lot numbers. As a precautionary measure, Aventis also withdrew all other single dose vials for testing.

"We have successfully identified and notified the handful of individuals from Northwest who were immunized with Menomune from the recalled lots," said Dr. Jerry Wilmes, Northwest's director of health services.

If you have any questions about the recall, please contact the University Health Center at (660) 562-1348 or your family health care provider.

Deadline approaching for math, science program

A free hands-on learning experience for eligible high school students is being offered by the Upward Bound Math and Science program at Northwest. Deadline to enroll is Jan. 31.

The six-week summer camp will run from June 7 to July 19. All student expenses are covered, including round-trip mileage and admission for all weekend field trips.

The Upward Bound Math and Science program has been located on the Northwest campus since the summer of 1992, serving high school students from Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas and Missouri. Each year students develop friendships with other students who share their desire to learn and who seek enrichment in math and science classes.

Applicants should be interested in a math, science or computer-related career after college. Applicants will need to have taken and passed college preparatory math and science classes each year of high school. High school sophomore or junior students who want exposure and challenge in these areas should apply. The postmarked application deadline is Jan. 31.

For additional information about the Upward Bound Math and Science program or the six-week summer camp, call (660) 562-1632 or (660) 562-1538 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Community Blood Center seeking local blood donors

An individual within the area that Community Blood Center serves needs a blood transfusion every four minutes. In order to meet that need, Community Blood Center must collect 550 pints of blood each day.

Blood donors can meet these local needs by appearing at the Maryville Community Blood Drive Jan. 30 from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 102 N. Main in the Fellowship Hall. To sign up, contact Carol Jean Osborn at 582-8967.

Sixty percent of the U.S. population is eligible to donate blood, however, only six percent actually donate. One donation can help as many as three local hospital patients. An individual can donate blood every eight weeks.

"When you consider that red blood cells have a shelf life of only 42 days and platelets have a shelf life of five days, blood is a precious commodity that needs to be constantly replenished," said John Orrell, Chief Operating Officer with Community Blood Center. "Over 65 percent of all Community Blood Center donors give only one time per year. If all of those individuals would come back to donate at least once or twice during each year, we would have no shortages and the local hospitals would have an adequate blood supply."

Community Blood Center is the supplier of blood for 73 hospitals in 70 counties within Missouri and Kansas. Requirements for a blood donor must be at least 17 years of age, weigh 110 pounds and be in good health. Individuals are asked to bring identification. Community Blood Center staff performs various health checks on all donors including temperature, blood pressure and hemoglobin. All donors also receive cholesterol results, which are mailed to the individual's home four to six weeks after their donation.

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PUBLIC SAFETY

Jan. 6
■ An officer received a report from a Maryville male that he had found items in his son's room that did not belong to him. The case is being forwarded to the Juvenile Office.

■ An officer received a report from a Maryville female that she was receiving harassing phone calls at her residence in the 1000 block of East Third.

Jan. 7
■ While working Municipal Court security, an officer received a report of individuals disturbing court. Erin N. Wallace, 18, Maryville, was issued a summons for failure to comply. A female juvenile was referred to the Juvenile Office.

Jan. 8
■ An officer served a Maryville Municipal warrant on Ashley L. Joslin, 19, Maryville, for failure to appear. She was released after posting bond.

Jan. 10
■ Officers received a report from a Maryville male that a child was left unattended in the 1100 block of East Thompson.

Jan. 12
■ An officer received a report from a Maryville male that someone had taken his video camera from his residence in the 600 block of East First.

Jan. 12
■ While on patrol in the 100 block of North Davis, an officer conducted a well being check on a vehicle parked on the side of the road. Upon making contact with the driver, identified as John, M. Taylor, 27, Maryville, a check of his record through Department of Revenue revealed two warrants out of Andrew County. He was transported to Nodaway County Jail where he is being held in lieu of bond.

■ While on patrol in the 400 block of North Buchanan, an officer observed two individuals fighting. Roy D. Anderson, 25, Maryville, and Nicholas I. Anderson, 20, Independence, were issued summonses for affray.

■ An officer received a report from a female individual in the 1000 block of North Buchanan that a stray dog had bitten her dog.

Jan. 13
■ An officer served a Maryville Municipal warrant on Adam J. Stephens, 21, Maryville, for failure to appear. He was issued a summons for failure to appear and released after posting bond.

■ An officers served a Maryville Municipal warrant on Angela R. Schulenberg, 21, Maryville, for failure to appear. She was issued a summons for failure to appear and released after posting bond.

■ While responding to another call in the 600 block of North Walnut, an officer observed a substance believed to be marijuana. Joshua C. Winfrey, 22, Maryville, was issued summonses for possession of 35 grams or less marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

BIRTHS

Emma Lane Woodford
Jim and Kelly Woodford, Maryville, are the parents of Emma Lane, born Dec. 18 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville. She weighed 7 pounds, 13.5 ounces. Maternal grandparents are Vince and Mary Ann Martinez and the late Ronald E. Rhea, Joplin. Paternal grandparents are Vivien and Richard Tedford, Demarest, New Jersey. Maternal great-grandparents are Winnie Rhea and Vivian Kuhn, Joplin.

Gage Drexel Marriott
Johnny Drexel Marriott III and Laura Beth Down, Burlington Junction, are the parents of Gage Drexel, born Jan. 2 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville. He weighed 6 pounds, 12 ounces. Maternal grandparents are Beth Sybert, Burlington Junction, and Dennie Dow, Clearmont. Paternal grandparents are Johnny Marriott, Jr., Clearmont, and Terrie Parisiani, Orlando, Fla. Maternal great-grandparents are Donald and Laurette Hagey, Burlington Junction, and Irene Dory, Maryville.

Paternal great-grandparents are Johnny Marriott, Sr. and Helen Marriott, Clearmont, and Joseph and Ruth Parisiani.

Anna Renae Spainhower
Jason and Alicia Spainhower, Grant City, Mo., are the parents of Anna Renae, born Dec. 16 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

She weighed 6 pounds, 9 ounces and joins two brothers, Mikel and Cole, and one sister, Amber.

Maternal grandparents are Gary and Barbara Landrum, Grant City. Paternal grandparents are Chris and Suzanne Spainhower, Grant City.

Maternal great-grandparents are Ray Landrum, Albany, Mo. Paternal great-grandparents are Audra Spainhower, Gardenville, Nev.

Lauren Delaney Kelly
Brian and Jennifer Kelly, Rock Port, are the parents of Lauren Delaney, born Dec. 22 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

She weighed 7 pounds, 11 ounces and joins two brothers, Tyler and Thomas.

Maternal grandparents are John Long and Jan Long, Mound City. Paternal grandparents are Jack and Sherry Kelly, Rock Port.

Maternal great-grandparents are Hamp and Virginia Long, Craig, Mo. And Lylas Hamilton, St. Louis, Mo. Paternal great-grandparents are Leona King, Fairfax, Mo.

Justin Christopher Staples
Devin and Jennifer Staples, Maryville, are the parents of Justin Christopher, born Dec. 18 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

He weighed 8 pounds, 14 ounces and joins one brother, Zachary.

Maternal grandparents are Ron and Becky Dew, Maryville. Paternal grandparents are Eddie and Shirley Staples, Mound City. Paternal great-grandparents are Dorothy Hayes, Mound City, and Wilma Zion, Maryville.

Levi Curtis Boulting
Stan and Jennifer Boulting, Ravenwood, are the parents of Levi Curtis, born Dec. 19 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

He weighed 7 pounds, 5 ounces and joins one brother, Dylan.

Maternal grandparents are Lynn and Nancy Rickabaugh, Maryville. Paternal grandparents are Elmo and Kay Boulting, Ravenwood.

Maternal great-grandparents are Rosetta Redden, Clyde, and Lavelle and Dorothy Rickabaugh, Maryville. Paternal great-grandparents are Gertrude Hersh, Maryville, and Ava Boulting, Maryville.

Chelsea Michelle Greer
Mike and Amanda Greer, Stanberry, are the parents of Chelsea Michelle, born Dec. 18 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

She weighed 7 pounds, 4 ounces and joins one sister, Kiera.

Maternal grandparents are Don and Tonya Showers, Leon, Iowa, and Kathy and Jim Dewitt, Oskaloosa, Iowa. Paternal grandparents are Christine Greer, Gentry, Mo., and Wendell Wells, King City, Mo.

Maternal great-grandparents are Maxine Fairchild, Stanberry, and Rella Hewitt, Oskaloosa, Iowa.

Zachary Todd Tobin
Jason and Emily Tobin, Maryville, are the parents of Zachary Todd, born Dec. 9 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

He weighed 8 pounds, 3 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Ruth and Edward Arsenau, Evansville, Ind. Paternal grandparents are Susan Growcock, Hopkins, and Richard and Diane Tobin, Maryville.

Maternal great-grandparents are Rose and Joseph Schwank, St. Cloud, Minn. Paternal great-grandmother is Mary Tobin, Maryville.

Mackenzie Anne Reed
Chris and Melissa Reed, Skidmore, are the parents of Mackenzie Anne, born Dec. 12 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

She weighed 6 pounds, 14 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Ken and Pam Praiswater, Kansas City, Mo., and Paul Allen and Denise Lanning, Kansas City, Mo. Paternal grandparents are Dale and Patsy Reed, Maryville, and Kevin and Bev Norris, Chariton, Iowa.

Maternal great-grandparents are Dale and Shirley Gilbert, Parkville, Mo., Gerald

and Clara Collins, Kansas City, Mo., and Jim and Carol Clark, Kansas City, Mo. Paternal great-grandparents are Lloyd and Letha Reed, Rosendale, Mo. and Harold and Jackie Norris, Chariton, Iowa.

Gwendolyn Natascla Syblelea Phelps

Desiree Beth and Lester Phelps, Parnell, are the parents of Gwendolyn, born Dec. 2 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

She weighed 7 pounds, 0 ounces, and joins one sister, Sandra Phelps.

Maternal grandparents are LaGena Richards, Gentry, Mo. and Philip Beth, Kansas City, Mo. Paternal grandparents are Donna Pratt and Doug Pratt, Liberty, Mo.

Maternal great-grandparents are Esther Bernard, Ottawa, Kan., Duane Beth and Tom Beth, Independence, Mo., and Marie Engle, Deepwater, Kan. Paternal great-grandparents are Syble Meyers, Independence, Mo.

DEATHS

Brendan Nathan O' Riley

Brendan Nathan "Little Choch" O' Riley, 23, died Tuesday, Dec. 24 at St. Joseph's Hospital in Kansas City.

He was born June 16, 1979 to Michael J. and Carol Bollinger O'Riley in Maryville.

He is survived by his father and step-mother, Mike and Barbara O' Riley; two brothers, Cory and Jeremy; two sisters, Shea and Sheena; one stepbrother, Bradley Hill; one stepsister, Kimberly Hill; and his maternal grandparents, Victor and Fern Bollinger.

William Iles Hartman

William Iles Hartman, 94, died Sunday, Dec. 29 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

He was born Dec. 28, 1908 to William Frederick Hartman and Jennie McNeill Hartman in Barnard.

He is survived by his wife, Nydra, two sons Wayne and Bill; two daughters, Barbara Biese and Suzanne Nocita, four grandchildren and several step and great-grandchildren.

Louvain Nelson Powers

Louvain Nelson Powers, 74, died Sunday, Jan. 12 at Washington Medical Center in Fayetteville, Ark.

He was born Aug. 8, 1928 to Goldye Nelson and Garman Henry Powers in Guilford, Mo.

He is survived by his wife, Mildred; two sons, Richard and Ronald; seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were held Jan. 15 at Miriam Cemetery.

Martin J. Brady

Martin J. Brady, 99, died Saturday, Dec. 14 at Village Care Center in Maryville.

He was born Dec. 18, 1902 to William E. Brady and Margaret O' Donnell in Conception.

Services were held Dec. 18 at St. Columba Catholic Church, Conception. Burial was at the St. Columba Cemetery, Conception.

Alice J. Gabrielson

Alice J. Gabrielson, 86, died Tuesday, Dec. 17 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

She was born Aug. 2, 1916 to Glenn McVicker and Bessie Middleton McVicker in Eagle Grove, Iowa.

She is survived by two sons, Richard and Terry, one daughter, Patricia Trachsel, two brothers, Clifford and Jessie McVicker, five sisters, Helen Colyer, Margaret Fincham, Ruth Garrett, Hazel Jones and Emma Jean Ross, seven grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Services were Dec. 21 at Community of Christ Church, Maryville. Burial was at Miriam Cemetery in Maryville.

Olive Gertrude Anderson

Olive Gertrude Anderson, 92, died Friday, Dec. 6, 2002 at Village Care Center in Maryville.

She was born April 5, 1910 to James Nathan Walker and Helen Kirkendall in Ava, Mo.

She is survived by a son, Robert, three daughters, Opal Noble, Joyce Anderson and Zella Heimbegner, one sister, Pauline Pursell, 11 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and 9 great-great grandchildren.

News in Brief

Variety of talents to appear for Lecture Series

The second half of Northwest's Encore Performances and Distinguished Lecture Series includes an inspiring teacher, skilled gymnasts and a classic musical. All events are in the Mary Linn Auditorium at the Performing Arts Center.

Erin Gruwell, two-time California Teacher of the Year, will visit Northwest as part of the Distinguished Lecture Series at 8 p.m., Feb. 6.

At 7:30 p.m. March 4, 15 Olympic medal-winning gymnasts will perform during AEROS: The Illusion of Flight, a show that blends the line between dance and sport. Tickets are \$18 for orchestra, \$16 for balcony and \$14 for children.

The musical comedy "Crazy for You" is coming to Maryville at 7:30 p.m., March 31. The '30s-style musical is filled with an unbeatable collection of songs produced by George and Ira Gershwin. Tickets are \$18 for orchestra, \$16 for balcony and \$14 for children.

Tickets can be purchased at the Stu-

dent Services Center on the first floor of the Administration Building or by calling (660) 562-1212.

University plays host to high school music festival

High school vocal and band students from the region will take part in the 17th Annual Four-State Honor Music Festival on Saturday in the fine arts building and the performing arts center.

Sponsored by the Department of Music, students from Iowa, Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska are nominated by their high school directors to participate. During the daylong event, choir and band members will attend clinics and rehearsals. The day will end with a joint concert beginning at 5 p.m. in the Mary Linn Auditorium.

Vaccine recall affects would-be overseas travelers

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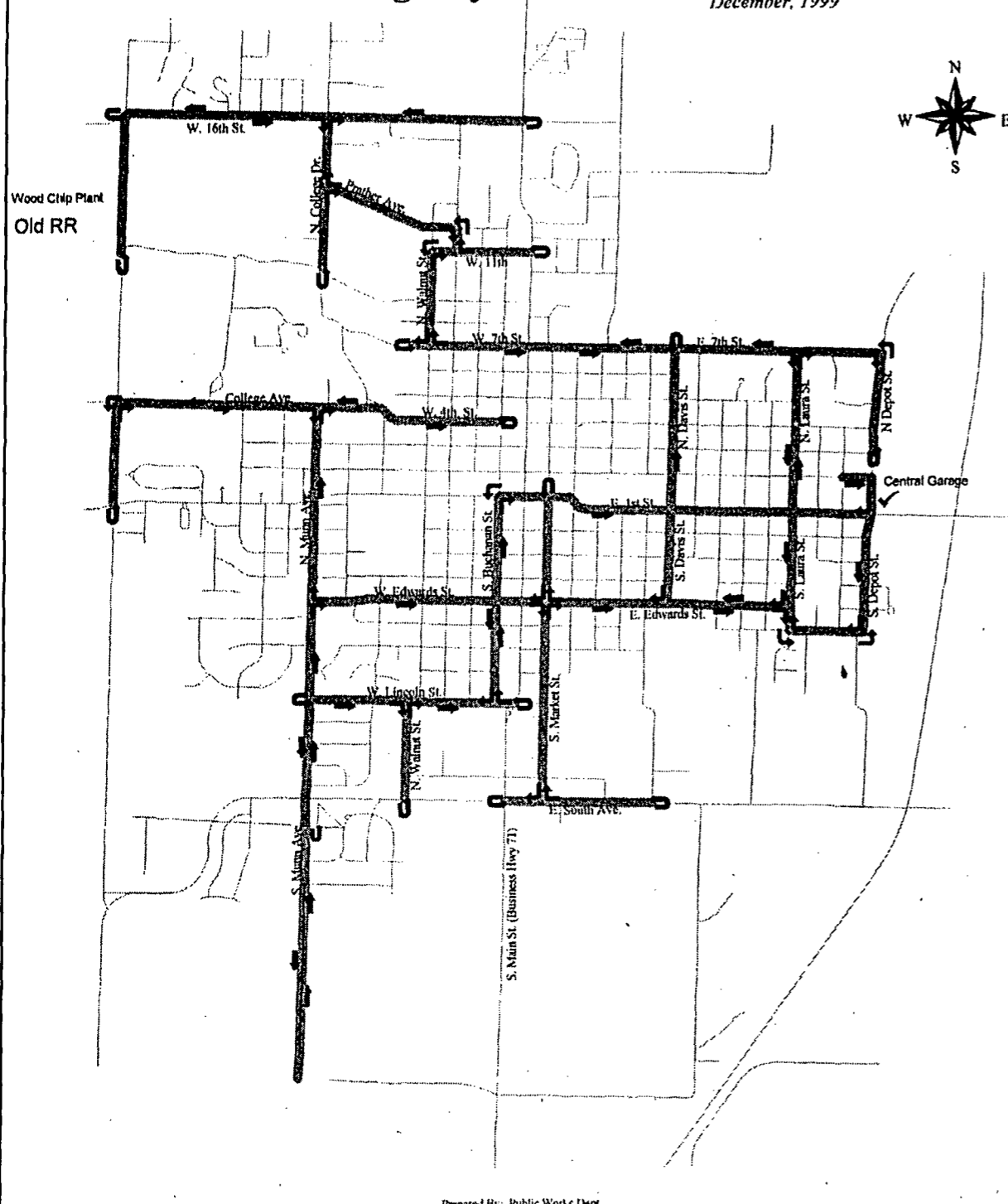
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FARM from 1A

Lack of rain, snow bears impact on University farm

are areas of the country who typically don't get a lot of rain, and they're getting drenched," Jewell said. "It's a weird overall weather pattern."

Ray Courter, vice president of Finance, said the farm budget is divided into two segments, worker salary and benefits and equipment. According to Courter, all of the equipment comes from sales and general operations.

"The farm managers have a pretty good idea of what they need, how much to plant and how many cattle need to be sold," Courter said. "Overall, they do a pretty good job."

Not only has the drought affected the University farm, but it has also affected students that live and work on farms.

Agriculture major Jake Dalton commutes from Bedford, Iowa, and helps operate Dalton Cattle Company.

Dalton, who makes the 25-minute trip every morning, said cattle has been the No. 1 concern.

"There have been a lot of cattle sold that farmers would keep around," Dalton said. "But, because of the lack of water, they haven't been able to provide that for the cattle."

And like several Maryville farmers, Dalton has watched the well on his farm dry up. However, Dalton said they have not yet had to haul water from the local water supply station.

Despite the drought and the consequences that come with it, Dalton said he still loves working on the farm.

"There's always something that farmers have to deal with," Dalton said. "This is surely one that is going to go down in history. It's discouraging at times, but the big picture is still the same, and I still want to pursue it."

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FLU from page 1A

Virus takes toll on local communities

Allenbrand. Allenbrand said most children were exhibiting typical flu-like symptoms, including headaches, stomachaches, chills and fevers, before being sent home. Since the outbreak, administrators at Eugene Field have taken measures to prevent the spread of sickness by distributing water bottles to students to deter use of water fountains, leaving hand sanitizer at all desks, and designating handwashing times. Despite necessary precautions that Allenbrand said are highly effective, the number of sick students continued to multiply.

"All the kids know everyone is sick," Allenbrand said. "When their class is half gone, and everyone who is left is coughing, they know what's happening."

Among those hit hardest by the outbreak were not only students in the North Nodaway School District, but also teachers. After the sickness sent more than 30 percent of the school's population, including 50 students, three teachers and a secretary home Tuesday, the district also cancelled classes through next Tuesday, marking the second time the district has closed to an influenza outbreak. In the meantime, the district's buildings will also be disinfected.

"We've been fighting absences all week, but (Tuesday) was when the flu started doing its dirty work," said John Baker, North Nodaway High School principal. "First it would be seven or eight students, then ten or twelve, and the numbers just kept increasing."

Baker said the outbreak also affected the boys' and girls' basketball teams scheduled to play tournaments in Fairfax this week. The outbreak forced coaches to move a number of Junior Varsity reserves onto the roster for the tournament. Baker said that because of the condition of all

affected, and for the sake of those who aren't, there was no hesitation in closing the schools. There was no question when they start lining up to go home, and we have to bring extra chairs out for all the kids," Baker said. "You could tell when they walked in the building that they weren't going to stay long just by looking at them."

Baker said that aside from health measures, dismissal was necessary for other logical reasons, including preventing a major loss of revenue for schools, who are funded based on attendance, as well as the effect absences bear on basic classroom procedure.

"When this happens, classes are about half-filled and it's hard for teachers to re-teach everything to those who were gone," Baker said. "It really makes it difficult."

Barbara York, Public Health Nurse at the Nodaway County Health Center, said the high occurrence of influenza in young children and teenagers is a result of a number of factors unique to those of school age.

"The social situation of kids is always a factor, but they're also younger and more susceptible to the flu," York said. "What we're also seeing is children who have not had the flu vaccine."

York said that while a majority of county schools are not in session because of the flu, no immediate dangers are present by the contagious illness.

"The flu, in and of itself, is more of an inconvenience than it is life-threatening," she said. "Especially at its peak during the winter months."

Flu shots are still available by donation at the Nodaway County Health Center, and for \$15 at St. Francis Hospital and the University Health Center.

BOND from page 1A

Board of Education reviews bond firms

digest this information," Reese said. "In the mean time we are preparing priority lists for our needs for each of the building projects."

Maryville School Board President Mark Watkins said the board will now decide whether to interview anyone else or consider the firms already interviewed. "We want to pick a firm that we could count on to give us reliable information," Watkins said.

Reese said he anticipates that a firm will be chosen at their regular board meeting on Jan. 22.

Consideration for the growth rate of the district and original building projects will affect the choice.

The second purpose of Wednesday's board meeting was to get input from those new firms as to the amount the board could bond without increasing the tax levy.

The board hopes to approve a resolution for the purpose of building a classroom addition to Eugene Field Elementary School, a commons area, a library

addition and a performing arts center at Maryville High School as well as renovating, repairing and improving existing school buildings and facilities in the district.

However, the board must now reconsider these projects because the proposed \$12 million bond issue might not be possible anymore. The amount could be less.

The cause of this mistake made by the former bonding firm, George K. Baum, dealt with the miscalculations of the maximum bonding amount that could be put on the bond issue without having any kind of levy increase.

"Although they have been a very good company for us, and we have worked with them for about 10 years here in the district," Reese said, "we didn't feel that would bring a good confidence level, having to go back and redo."

The board ultimately wants to ensure voter confidence with their proposed bond.

"We want to provide validity to the taxpayers," Reese said.

POND from 1A

Nearly dry Colden Pond in need of fresh water source

A potential problem is the lack of water in the pond. When there is a lack of water, cement foundations can crack. An example of this is the many cracks found in the streets.

"When soil shrinks surrounding structure can possibly crack," Johnson said.

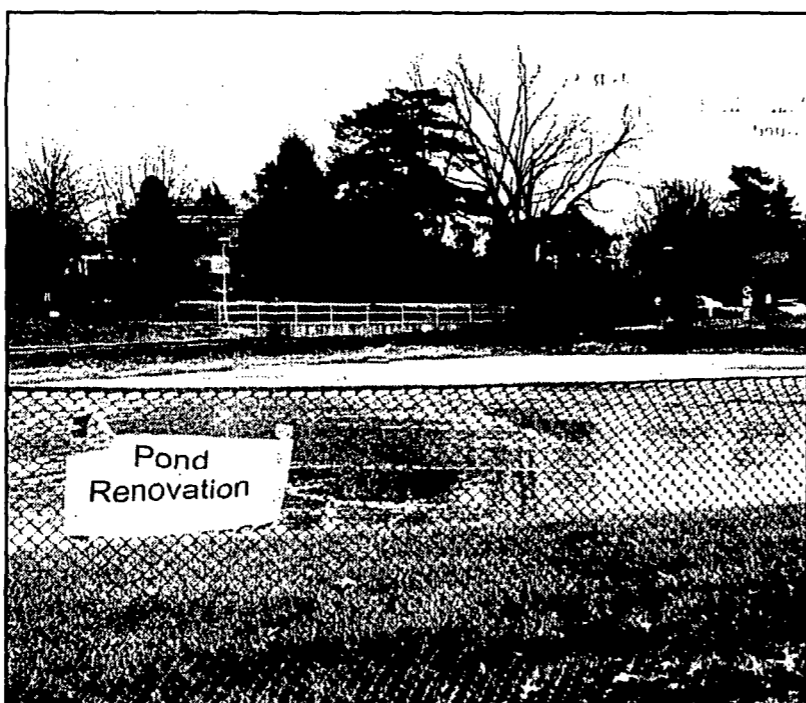
"However, water retention was not what the structures were built for, so there really is no problem. If it did crack it wouldn't cause any damage."

One way to fill the pond would be to transplant water into the pond. However, Johnson said such a plan would not be a cost-effective solution.

"Bringing in water would be way too expensive and would take an extremely long time," Johnson said.

The University expected a wet fall, and hurried to finish the job during the summer to allow for the pond to fill in the fall.

"May and June are traditionally wet months," Johnson said. "If worse comes to worst we could have to wait that long, but hopefully it won't come down to that."

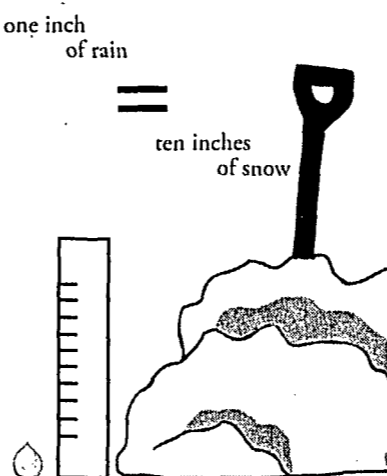


Colden Pond has been closed for renovation since the summer. The University had hoped the rain in the fall would have filled the pond back up, but with the drought it did not happen.

Drought web links:

- <http://www.gov.state.mo.us/press/press082302a.htm>
- <http://128.206.75.201/drought/accrain.htm>
- <http://www.crh.noaa.gov/cax/>

How does it stack up?



HOLDEN from 1A

Outlook bleak for state's financial future

Missouri citizens who earn \$200,000 or more. Holden wants to put a 5 percent surcharge on the taxpayers. He also wants to get rid of existing tax loopholes that would garner \$186 million.

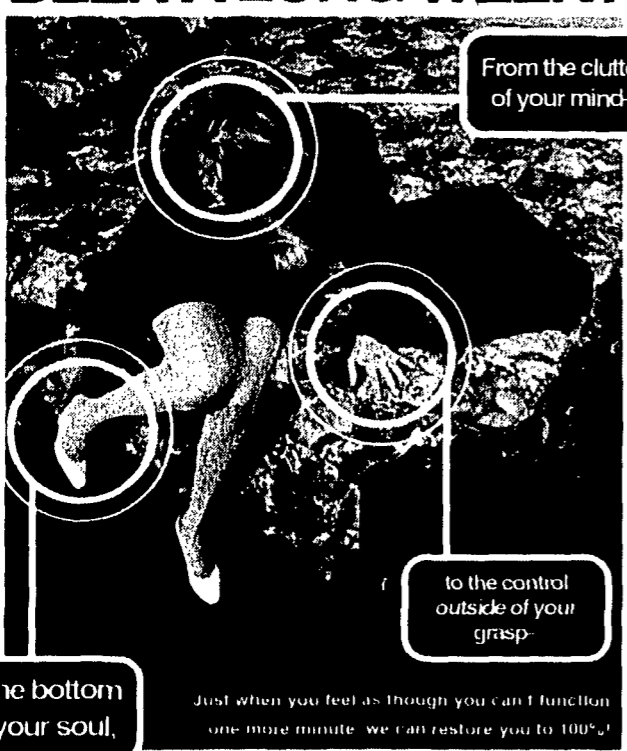
Casinos would also be expected to pay even more money when it comes to admission fees they pay the state, and there would no longer be a cutoff for gamblers,

if the person lost more than \$500.

Spending cuts would come in early retirement incentives for state workers, saving an estimated \$24 million if half of the state workers accepted the package.

Holden also proposed a reduction in the corporate income tax of 1 percent and a three-day sales tax holiday in August for back-to-school purchases.

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Sick as a dog

The flu spreads with a breath

By MONICA CALDWELL
FEATURES EDITOR

With winter comes biting winds, heavy coats and flu season. Between 10 and 20 percent of the U.S. population contracts influenza each year. Of those, 114,000 are admitted to the hospital.

Although most recover in one to two weeks, around 36,000 people per year die from complications such as pneumonia, bronchitis and sinus and ear infections.

Influenza is highly contagious and transmitted by simple inhalation of the airborne virus, which can be spread to others from one day before symptoms show through up to 7 days after.

It is also possible to pick up the flu from surfaces touched by an infected person, but frequent hand washing can limit that risk.

Influenza generally includes a fever, headache, moderate to extreme sleepiness, dry cough, sore

throat, nasal congestion and body aches. Nausea and vomiting are uncommon symptoms.

As with meningitis, a vaccine is recommended to prevent sickness, especially for the elderly and those with chronic health conditions and immune deficiencies. They are available at St. Francis Hospital and the University Health Center for \$15.

Teri Harr, health education coordinator for St. Francis, said approximately 90 percent of the 1,500 vaccinations ordered were given through St. Francis Family Health Care.

While it is impossible to catch the flu from the vaccine, there are minor side effects in some patients.

"Sometimes people just have a reaction at the site, and very few people get a mild reaction where they have some fatigue and have some achiness and may run a low-grade temperature," Harr said.

It is important to renew the vaccine each year because of virus mutations, although lifestyle also affects susceptibility. Factors such as lack of sleep, stress and improper diet and exercise reduce immunity to the disease.

There are no antibiotics available to cure influenza, and it is important to consult a physician before giving aspirin to children or teenagers with the virus. A condition called Reye's Syndrome, affecting primarily the brain and liver, is almost always associated with viral infections such as influenza and the intake of aspirin, although the cause is unknown. It is extremely rare, but nearly always fatal.

Nonprescription medicines such as Tylenol, which contains acetaminophen, or Advil, with ibuprofen, are safer choices for alleviating discomfort.

Resting, drinking plenty of liquids, avoiding alcohol and tobacco and taking non-aspirin medicine for relief are the best ways to treat mild flu symptoms.

It is not unusual to confuse the common cold with influenza, but there are significant differences. Colds tend to last from two to seven days and are slow in onset. They generally begin with a scratchy throat and are followed by sneezing and a runny nose, whereas muscle aches and sudden outbreak are typical of the flu.

Meningitis strikes hard and fast

By MONICA CALDWELL
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Meningococcal meningitis is not a disease to be taken lightly. Although it is rare, the condition, which affects the tissues surrounding the spinal cord and brain known as the meninges, can lead to coma, amputation of limbs, hearing loss, brain damage and, in extreme cases, death.

Although no one is immune to meningitis, the risk is heightened in young children, the elderly and anyone living in close quarters with others, such as college students. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have found that freshmen living in dorms are six times more likely than other college students to contract the disease. In response, universities are beginning to require meningitis vaccines.

Northwest's current policy is a waiver that must be signed by student and parent before enrollment, acknowledging either a previous vaccination or requesting exemption from the vaccination requirement.

"It applies only to incoming freshmen living on campus, but we continue to strongly recommend it to all students," said Virginia Murr, assistant director of the University Health Center.

This policy was put

into effect just this year, following the death of Northwest freshman John Davison on Thanksgiving Day 2001. Davison suffered from a similar condition due to a strain of *Neisseria meningitidis*, which infected his bloodstream instead of his meninges.

There were no cases in the Maryville area in 2002.

Meningitis is responsible for around 300 deaths annually, five to 15 on college campuses. Another 2,700 Americans overcome the disease each year.

Primary symptoms are stiff neck, high fever and headache, but may also include sleepiness, nausea and sensitivity to light. Symptoms develop anywhere from several hours to several days.

Murr said Northwest is working on educating all students on meningitis and ways to avoid contracting the disease. She hopes the community will also learn pre-

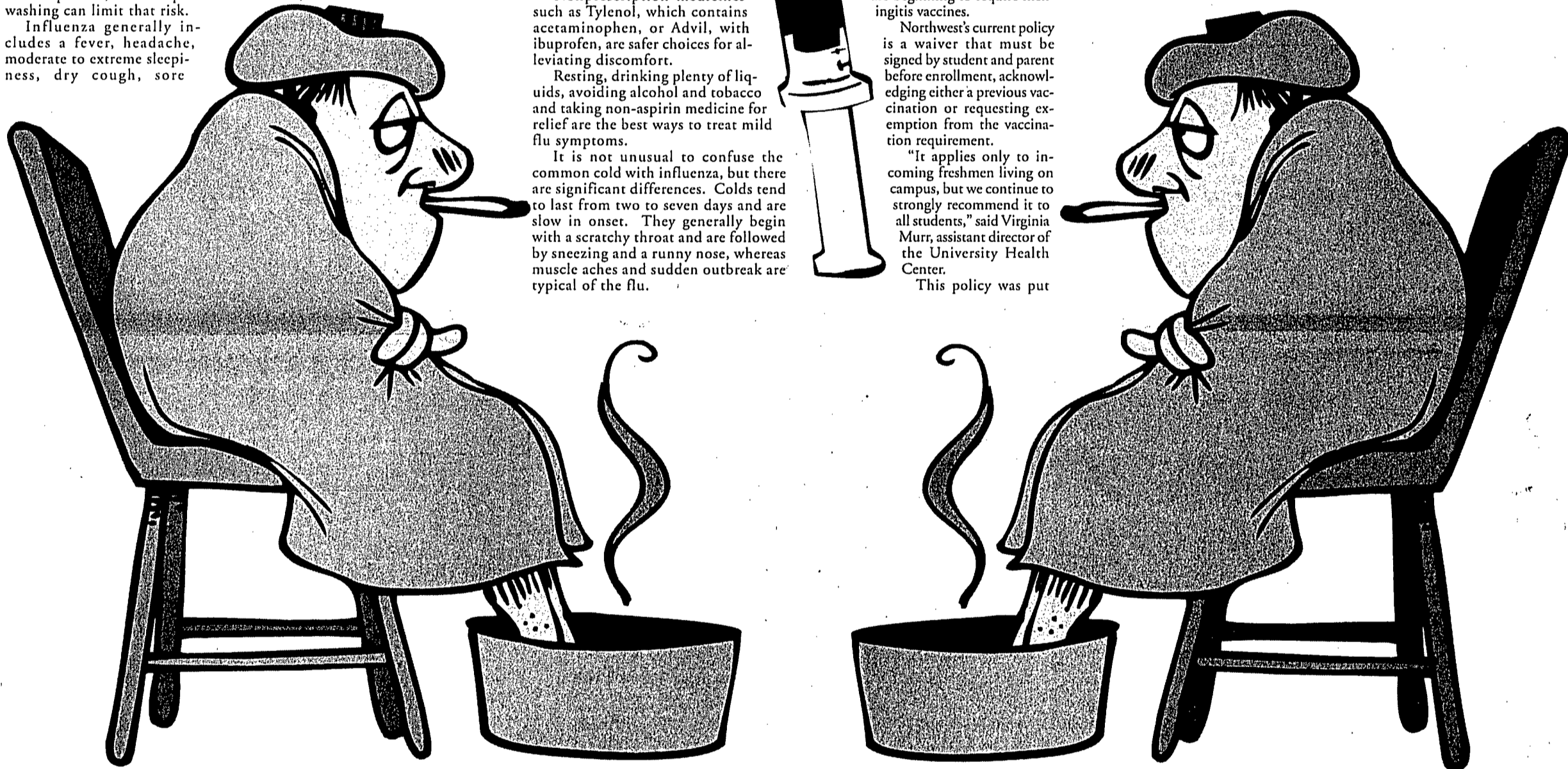
ventative measures.

"I think it should be part of a well-rounded health education program for parents with children of all ages," she said.

Awareness is especially important since meningitis must be diagnosed and treated as early as possible. With appropriate immediate treatment, the risk of fatality can fall below 15 percent.

The good news is that meningitis cannot be transmitted through casual contact or breathing the same air as an infected person, and is only spread through the exchange of throat and respiratory fluids.

However, vaccines are still the best preventative measure. Just under 600 were given to Northwest students this year and are available through the health center for \$70. New students will also have the option of receiving one on SOAR dates this summer.



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'Cats play hard in loss

Lady Hoopsters drop to 2-3 in conference after loss to Lady Blues

By COLE YOUNG
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Despite Sarah Vollertsen's best efforts, the Northwest women's basketball squad was unable to extend their winning streak to three games as they fell to Washburn University 72-58.

Washburn was able to jump to an early 14-4 lead, but with 13:43 left in the first half, Vollertsen converted a three point play which sparked an 8-0 run capped by a Jenna Wolf three-pointer.

The Lady Blues were able to contain the Bearcats' outside shooting, and take a 40-27 lead to the locker room while holding the Bearcats to 39 percent from the field.

"Defensively, they have a lot of seniors," junior Jane Chalmers said. "They were able to come out and extend their defense and cause us problems."

In the second half, the balanced scoring of Washburn proved to be too much for the Bearcats, as Crystal Walker, Kristy Chapman and Carissa Goeglein scored 19, 18 and 17 points, respectively.

"With Chapman coming out and scoring 18, it made it a lot harder to cover the perimeter," said head coach Gene Steinmeyer. "We were expecting Goeglein and Walker to score, but it was a surprise to see Chapman score that many."

Defensively for the Bearcats,

In depth: vs. Washburn

58	Score	72
38.1	Field goal pct.	46.6
24	3-point pct.	42.9
14	Off. rebounds	14
18	Def. rebounds	27
32	Total rebounds	41
7	FT attempted	13
4	FT made	9
19	Turnovers	22
7	Bench scoring	3

Key stat of the game: 3-point pct. Despite a strong outside presence in the first half, the Bearcats were only 14.3% from the outside in the second half.

Bearcats have players step up in key situations in recent road wins, hope to continue team effort

By COLE YOUNG
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Thinking back to last season, Bearcat fans grimace at the thought of first half leads withering away into heartbreaking losses.

The same cannot be said for this year's squad. After trailing by as many as 14 in the second half last Saturday, the Bearcats rallied back to claim a 72-68 win.

"This season when we are down," guard Laura Friedrich said, "we keep fighting until the end. We don't want to give up on any game."

After starting the season at 3-3, many fans expected another poor finish in the MIAA conference. The Bearcats predicted to finish eighth in the preseason poll, are 2-3 in conference play and with wins in the next week, can move as high as fourth in the conference.

"The big thing I notice this season, is that everyone is starting to mesh," center Sarah Vollertsen said. "The nice thing about this team, is everyone is starting to contribute."

Vollertsen has seen her stats reach the upper echelon of the MIAA after missing the team's first four games with injuries. Vollertsen is not eligible to be ranked in the league leaders, as she has not played in 75 percent of the team's games.

Vollertsen is averaging just over 12 points per game as well as shooting 56 percent from the field. Vollertsen is also averaging two

blocks per game as well as grabbing seven rebounds.

Contribution towards victories have come from areas other than just scoring. Juniors Tanesha Fields, Erica Hatterman and Katie Scherer have all contributed to the team on the defensive end.

"Those three girls, have really stepped up and created a lot of intensity on the defensive end," head coach Gene Steinmeyer said. "Everyone has been playing good defense, but these three girls are doing more defensively."

The team as a whole has held their opponents to 38 percent shooting from the field as well as just over 68 points per game. As strong as the defense is, Steinmeyer sees one glaring weakness on the squad.

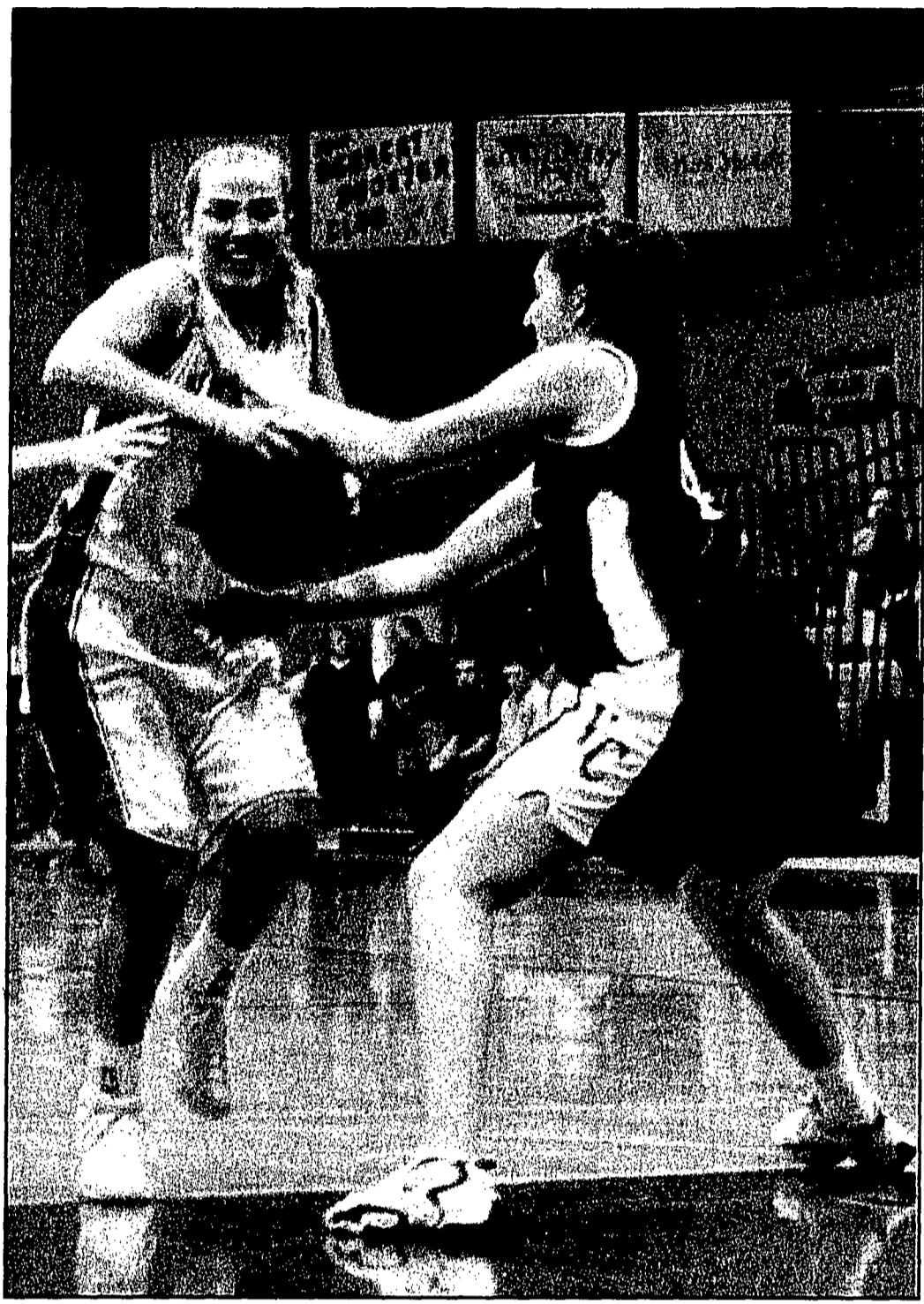
"Offensively, we need to be a lot more efficient," Steinmeyer said. "We have to be able to reverse the ball around better to get open shots."

While Northwest is averaging 76 points per game, they are shooting only 41 percent from the field.

The new confidence gained by the comeback was crucial as the Bearcats head into the longest part of the season with games against Emporia State and Southwest Baptist, as well as a road game with Central.

"I'm glad we got to have Washburn at home as well as Southwest Baptist at home, Steinmeyer said. "This will allow us to get some more confidence when we go on the road to play them."

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FILE PHOTO
Freshman guard Laura Friedrich drives to the basket in a win earlier this season against Peru State College. Friedrich went into Wednesday's game as the team's third leading scorer, averaging 12.3 points per game. Friedrich played 20 minutes in the loss to Washburn, but was unable to score any points.

'Cats pull upset of No. 6 Washburn, 59-58

Shaw's free throw with 33.5 seconds to go breaks three-game skid

By CLARK GRELL
SPORTS EDITOR

The Northwest men's basketball team can take a deep breath now.

The Bearcats ended a rare three-game losing streak by defeating No. 6 Washburn University 59-58 Wednesday night at Bearcat Arena.

With 33.5 seconds remaining, it took one free throw by sophomore Jesse Shaw to untie the game and make it 59-58.

"I was just trying to clear everybody out of the gym, like I was

shooting by myself," Shaw said. "It was just me and the team and coaches."

A game-winning shot attempted by Washburn's Ryan Murphy rimmed out and time expired before the Ichabods could get another shot off.

However, the Bearcats found themselves trailing 56-53 with more than two minutes to go. After a timeout, senior Jelani Walker hit a three-pointer to tie the game at 56.

Both teams shot nearly 30 percent from beyond the arc, but it did not matter what the statistics were after Walker's three-pointer.

"At the timeout, Jesse told me to get ready," Walker said. "He told me to hit the shot because he was going to set me up for a back pick. He did it a couple games ago so I

knew what he was talking about."

The following possession, senior Scott Fleming made two free throws to give the Bearcats their first lead since the 7:43 mark of the second half.

Two free throws by Washburn's Manny Clifton tied the game at 58 with 54 seconds remaining.

With the win, the Bearcats improve to 10-4 on the season and 2-3 in the conference.

It was a win the Bearcats needed to stay in the early race for the MIAA regular season title. Head coach Steve Tappmeyer said the contest was a "must-win" game.

"We want to have a shot to compete at the top of the league," he said. "This was one to let our kids know that they're capable of beating a good team and get a little confidence going."

Because of their lack of size in the middle, the Bearcats have had to rely on offense to win games. However, Wednesday night was a different story.

The Bearcats held the Ichabods to one of their lowest point totals of the season.

"We knew it was going to be a defensive game," senior Joel Yeldell said. "It was two teams that like to battle it out until the end. We expected a low-scoring game and a battle, and that's what it was."

Both teams went back and forth to start the game. Two free throws by Walker gave the Bearcats a 24-19 lead with 7:05 remaining in the first half.

The Ichabods rattled off seven unanswered points to take a 26-24 lead with less than five minutes

In depth: vs. Washburn

59	Score	58
36	Field goal pct.	38.3
31.8	3-point pct.	30.4
10	Off. rebounds	12
22	Def. rebounds	27
32	Total rebounds	39
26	FT attempted	21
16	FT made	15
7	Turnovers	14
11	Bench scoring	26

Key stat of the game: Turnovers - The Bearcats used them to their advantage. Jelani Walker got four points off of steals to keep the Bearcats in the game.



PHOTO BY MATT FRYE/CONTRIBUTING PHOTOGRAPHER
Kelvin Parker tries to penetrate to the basket in Wednesday night's 59-58 upset of the No. 6 ranked Washburn Ichabods. Parker had just three points in the win, but played 32 minutes. Parker also had one steal.

'Hounds pass first test with win over Trojans

Akins pours in 20 points in easy win for 'Hounds

By COLE YOUNG
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The Maryville Spoofhounds ended a four game losing skid with an 86-53 win over St. Mary's Tuesday night.

Led by David Akins' 20 points and Dylan Hurst with 13, the 'Hounds jumped out to a 19-0 lead before taking a 52-23 lead into halftime. Chipping in with nine first-half points was Myles Burnside.

"We came out in a full-court press," head coach Mike Kuwitzky said. "We were able to get some easy buckets which really picked the guys up and gave them some confidence."

After the early lead, the 'Hound's bench was able to see valuable playing time in a big game situation. The

Scoring by quarter

St. Mary's	7	16	11	19	53
Maryville	27	25	15	19	86

starting five did not see the floor after leaving the game with a 67-34 lead midway through the third period.

"Getting the guys on the bench some extra playing time is really important to me," Kuwitzky said. "It's nice to see them go out and have fun and it's a reward for them practicing hard."

Helping to lead the scoring barrage was the solid inside play of Hurst. As the Trojan's defense would stretch out to cover Akins, the 'Hound frontcourt was able to get easy baskets underneath.

"It's nice to be able to get the open shots from the ball reversal," Hurst said. "We were able to get back to playing the way we should be and want to."

With the win over St. Mary's, the 'Hounds move on to face St. Pius X. The Warriors defeated host-



PHOTO BY JOE KNUST/CONTRIBUTING PHOTOGRAPHER
Sophomore Myles Burnside gets ahead of the pack for an easy layup in the 'Hounds' win Tuesday night. With the win, the 'Hounds advance to the semifinals to play St. Pius X at 9 p.m. Thursday in Savannah.

Savannah Invitational Basketball Tournament

Monday's results	St. Pius X 67, Savannah 49
Hogan Prep 75, Falls City 38	Thursday's games
LeBlond 48, K.C. Southeast 47	Hogan Prep vs. LeBlond, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday's results	Maryville vs. St. Pius X, 9 p.m.
Maryville 86, St. Mary's 53	First and third place games Saturday

team Savannah 67-49 Tuesday. Pius, with a record of 9-1, is led by 6-foot, 5-inch Jon Meriweather, who scored 13 points in the win over the Savages.

"We are going to have to play excellent to move on in the tour-

namment," Kuwitzky said. "The tournament is known for being tough, and St. Pius will present a challenge for us."

The 'Hounds are now 7-4. Cole Young can be contacted at 562-1224 or cyoung@missourianonline.com

Athletic department ends search with new volleyball, soccer hirings

Cross, DeJongh-Slight latest to join Northwest

By CLARK GRELL
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ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Director of Athletics Bob Boerigter was hoping to have two new coaches to fill the vacant volleyball and soccer positions at Northwest before the beginning of the spring trimester.

He got his wish. Boerigter recently announced the hiring of Tracy Cross as the new soccer coach and Lori DeJongh-Slight as the new volleyball coach.

"Obviously, we thought these were the two best people for the job," Boerigter said. "We're very excited about these people that accepted our invitation."

Nearly 90 possible candidates

were considered for the soccer position and more than 50 for the vacant volleyball job, Boerigter said.

Cross, formerly an assistant at the University of Toledo, helped lead that team to a 14-18-3 record. Originally, from Limerick, Ireland, Cross was a member of the Irish Junior and Senior national teams from 1987-1991.

Cross graduated from Mercyhurst (Pa.) College in 1995 with a degree in sports medicine. While at Mercyhurst, she received All-American honors in 1994 and 1995 and was named to the All-Midwest Region team three times. As a captain, Cross led the Lakers to the NCAA Division II Final Four her junior year.

Cross replaces Joann Wolf, whose contract was not renewed after four seasons at Northwest.

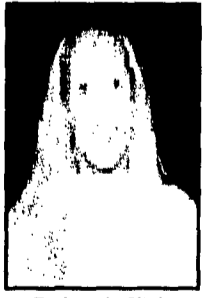
Cross made the decision to join the Bearcat family based on two main factors.

"The school is a good size and I like the campus," Cross said. "I was impressed" (please see "New hirings" page 2B)



Cross

Profile:
■ An All-American in 1994 and 1995 at Mercyhurst College.
■ Help guide Lock Haven University to 32-6-3 mark as an assistant in two seasons.



DeJongh-Slight

Profile:
■ Finished with a 100-69 record at Des Moines (Iowa) Area Community College.
■ Guided the Bears to a 49-10 record last season.

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Girls' basketball

Who stepped up for the 'Hounds in the team's win over Clarinda Monday? Find out as well as what improvements the team is hoping to make before Friday's game against St. Pius on page 3B

'Hounds wrestling

The grapplers had trouble at Chillicothe Tuesday night. Find out what else the team is battling besides its opponents on page 3B.



Bearcat indoor track

How are the tracksters handling the long break? To find out, turn to 2B for the lowdown. Also, find out how the women's team is preparing for this weekend's meet at Doane (Neb.) College.

LADY CATS from 1B

Lady hoopsters unable to hang with Blues

Bearcats were only able to shoot 38 percent for the game including a 6 for 25 performance from behind the three-point line.

"Offensively, we have to be a lot more efficient," Steinmeyer said. "We have to get the ball moving a lot more. In the set plays we called, it seemed like every time we would call one, someone would run the wrong place or something. Washburn was a good team though. They have five seniors and were able to go at us with a couple different waves of players. I would have to say that they are as good as Western, and they have a better bench."

Before the Washburn game, the Bearcats were able to pick up two conference wins.

Last Saturday, against Missouri Southern State College, the Lady Bearcats were able to rally back from a 14-point deficit and claim a 72-68 road victory. In the win, freshman Laura Friederich as well as juniors Vollersten and Wolfe each scored in double digits.

The Bearcats also traveled to Kirksville to face Truman State University. Junior Tanesha Fields led the way with 15 points. Friederich chipped in 13 points and nine rebounds.

After two days off, the 7-6 Bearcats play host to 9-4 Southwest Baptist at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday.

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PHOTO BY MATT FRYE/CONTRIBUTING PHOTOGRAPHER
Junior center Sarah Vollersten wrestles the ball away from a Washburn defender during Wednesday night's game. Vollersten finished the game with eight rebounds.

UPSET from 1B

Men hope make it two straight Saturday against Southwest

remaining in the half.

After being deadlocked at 30 at the break, Washburn started another seven-point run. The Bearcats came back with a 14-2 run to take a 43-39 lead with more than 12 minutes remaining in the game. Nine of those 14 points came from Walker including a three-pointer to take a 41-39 lead.

Walker finished the game with a team-high 19 points.

Both teams would finish the game the way they started it — going back and forth.

The win follows a string of losses for the Bearcats. Before Wednesday's win, the Bearcats last win was Dec. 28 at home against Missouri Western State College.

After losses to Pittsburg State University and Truman State University, the Bearcats almost ended a small skid in Joplin. However, a last second win by Missouri Southern State College gave the Bearcats their first three game losing skid since the 1996-1997

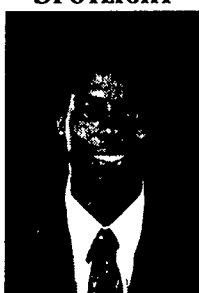
season.

"We've been through some tough games," junior Kelvin Parker said. "We're just glad we got a miss today."

The Bearcats hope to begin a winning streak. The next step comes Saturday against Southwest Baptist University at Bearcat Arena.

Walker said it would take the same team effort in Saturday's game like it did Wednesday night in the win over the Ichabods.

SPOTLIGHT



Walker

■ Scored a game-high 19 points.
■ Made five of seven free-throws.

"Basically the same thing," he said. "(We) got to play tough D and we got to hit shots." Southwest will come into the game at 6-6, a 2-2 mark in conference play.

CAT NOTES

Top 25 no more: The 'Cats fell out of the NCAA Division II Top 25 poll after the team's losses to Missouri Southern State College. It ends a streak of 71 straight games of being in the top 25.

Fleming reaches 10: Senior guard Scott Fleming scored 18 points in the win over Washburn. He has now scored in double figures 10 straight games.

Shaw hitting the boards: Sophomore guard Jesse Shaw grabbed 10 rebounds Wednesday night. He has now been the team's leading rebounder three straight games.

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PHOTO BY MATT FRYE/CONTRIBUTING PHOTOGRAPHER
Head coach Steve Tappmeyer makes adjustments with his team during a timeout in the first half of Wednesday night's game.

Hail to the Victor

Men's basketball team has their work cut out for them



CLARK GRELL
SPORTS EDITOR

However, conference play is in its early stages and there is no reason to panic, right?

The win over Washburn University Wednesday night is the spark the Bearcats needed to get back on track. Now the Bearcats are back in the thick of things in the MIAA; however there are still many tough tests ahead of them.

However, if the 'Cats play great defense like they did against Washburn then good things may be ahead.

The Bearcats showed signs of the same team that knocked off South Dakota State University earlier this season and that team is capable of making another run.

A third straight loss to Missouri Southern State College in Joplin last Saturday was not the end of the season. Besides, the Lions are 9-3 overall and capable of knocking off anybody.

SUPER BOWL FEVER

Superbowl XXXVII is right around the corner and only four teams remain.

The best scenario for sake of television ratings would be the Oakland Raiders and the Tampa Bay Buccaneers still standing in the end, facing each other.

The media would go nuts with that game. Nothing would be better than Tampa's coach John Gruden going up against his old team. What would be better than seeing Rich Gannon win a Superbowl ring after coming from nowhere more than five years ago?

It would also be a classic matchup of the best defense in the league (Tampa Bay) going up against possibly the best offense in the league (Oakland).

Too bad for those that despise the Raiders, including myself. Watching the Raiders in the title game would be sore on the eyes.

However, I do not like the Tennessee Titans' chances of winning in Oakland, Calif. Even if the game were to be played in Nashville, Tenn., the result would probably still be the same: Raiders 20, Titans 7.

Tampa Bay will go into Philadelphia this weekend to take on the Eagles. Any NFL fan knows what happens to Tampa Bay when they play in the cold, especially in Philadelphia.

The only way the Buccaneers are ever going to make it to a Superbowl is if they gain home-field advantage.

This one goes to Philadelphia again: Eagles 23, Buccaneers 17.

OVERDOING LEBRON

Last on the list is LeBron James, the high school basketball star from Akron St. Vincent-St. Mary of Ohio.

I'll admit, he is good — but the exposure he is getting (remember, he is still in high school) is ridiculous.

This is a matter of ESPN, Sports Illustrated and any other large sports affiliate trying to get ahead of one another. If they had this same idea seven years ago, then they would have done the same thing with Kobe Bryant when he was in high school.

James is going to be force in the National Basketball Association someday, but he is not going to make a huge impact right away.

In a win over Santa Ana Mater Dei Jan. 4, James finished with 21 points, which is good. But consider the fact he shot 24 times and only made eight — most of those being dunks.

He might be good enough to go straight to the NBA, but he'll have trouble going against, let's say ... Kobe Bryant.

Until then, ESPN and Sports Illustrated will just make sure everyone gets sick of hearing James's name by the time he becomes a lottery pick in the NBA draft.

Runners gear up for meets after four-week break

By PETE GUTSHENRITTER
UNIVERSITY NEWS EDITOR

As the student body returned after a four-week break, the same could be said for the men's and women's indoor track and field teams as they prepare for the conference season.

But before they went on break they competed in the Iowa State University Holiday Classic on Dec. 13. Not only did both teams compete with Division I schools such as ISU and Drake University, but they also discovered athletes who will be competing for conference championships.

The men's team placed second in the ISU Classic behind the Cyclones with 71 points. The 'Cats finished ahead of the Bulldogs of Drake and MIAA foe Truman State University.

Head coach Rich Alsop said he was pleased with how the team did despite the fact that some athletes were missing.

"I think we did fine," Alsop said. "We didn't take the whole team and none of the football/track guys competed. There's some pretty good talent there."

One of the athletes who did compete was sophomore Dan McKim. McKim not only competed but he made some noise at the meet by placing first and third in the weight throw and shot put, respectively.

McKim's heave of 54'2" landed him into a provisional standard position. Division II track and field has two sections of National Championship qualifying. The other way a person can qualify is if they meet the automatic standard.

McKim said he wanted to throw a little farther.

"I was hoping to throw a little better," McKim said. "I definitely have to throw farther, but there is a lot of season left."

Sophomore Clint Prange was right behind McKim in both events, as he placed third in the weight throw and fourth in the

shot.

McKim said there is a friendly competition that goes on during practice.

"In practice, everyday is a battle," McKim said. "We always look to see who's throwing the farthest, but we still pull for each other during meets."

Like the men's team, the women's team also competed without the whole team. Only about 15 athletes competed in the meet. The women's meet did not keep team standings; however, head coach Vicki Wooton was happy with how the team competed.

"I was very pleased with the athletes that did compete," Wooton said. "They competed up to their abilities. We can improve and we will improve."

One runner in particular that did improve on last year's season was sophomore Tiffany Zarling. She is one of the few distance runners who is healthy, and ran to a sixth-place finish in the 800-meter dash with a time of 2:20. Her time bettered her personal best from last year by four seconds.

"I was pretty excited about it," Zarling said. "I didn't know what to expect but the stiff competition brought out the best in me."

The women's distance team is lacking depth due to injuries that occurred during this past cross country season. Freshmen Heather Brokaw and Megan Hamilton, along with sophomore Ashley Grosse are all out with injuries.

However, Zarling is the only distance runner that does not compete in cross country.

"It's an awkward situation for me because most 800-meter runners do cross country," Zarling said. "When the cross country season is going on, I run with the long sprinters, and when the cross country season is over I go back to run with them."

The women's team will compete at the Ward Haylett Invitational at Doane College at 8:30 a.m. Friday in Crete, Neb. The men and women will both be returning to Ames, Iowa for the ISU Open Jan. 24-25.

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NEW HIRINGS from 1B

New coaches eager to get started

with the athletic staff and their devotion to the athletic program."

Only on the job since January 13, Cross already has plans for the squad and goals.

"We have to improve defensively and give up less goals," Cross said. "Another goal is that I want the girls to have more pride in the program and to believe in themselves and know they are good athletes."

Cross said the recruiting process begins immediately for her and she hopes to bring in a lot of recruits in the next two years.

"I want to focus on the area close to home," Cross said. "Kids within two or three hours of campus are the kids we want. Missouri has some good soccer programs and Des Moines (Iowa) also does."

Unlike Cross, who has already started at Northwest, DeJongh-Slight will not make her way to Maryville until March 1.

She was overwhelmed when she heard she would be the next coach for the Bearcat volleyball team.

"I can't even explain how excited I was when I heard I got the job last week," she said. "Everything I have heard about Northwest has been positive."

Despite another six weeks until she starts,

DeJongh-Slight is eager to get started.

"I am trying everything possible to get down there sooner," she said.

DeJongh-Slight must complete her duties at Des Moines Area Community College before coming to Northwest.

DeJongh-Slight will depart from Des Moines Area Community College, leaving a program that she led to a 49-10 record and a conference tournament championship this past season.

She coached the Bears for four seasons. In that time, she compiled a 100-69 record. Before her stint at DMACC, DeJongh-Slight was the head coach at Storm Lake High School in Iowa.

DeJongh-Slight said she expects there to be pressure to get the team back on track immediately. However, it is pressure she is anticipating.

"I will put those expectations on myself," she said. "I don't like to lose. I think I bring a passion to the game, and hopefully it rubs off onto the players."

DeJongh-Slight said with the talent the team has now and the recruiting base around Maryville, the team should be competing for a conference crown in two years.

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DANIELLE LAWLESS
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"Philadelphia, I think they have the most efficient offense and dominating defense left. Oakland, because they have a lot of experience behind them."

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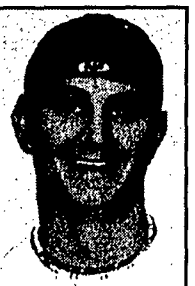
"Eagles and Raiders because they're the two best teams."

KRIS ASHER
UNDECIDED



"The Raiders and the Eagles because my wife thinks they're the toughest."

ROB AHLRICHS
GEOLOGY



"The Bucs and the Oakland Raiders because Oakland has Rich Gannon and a quality offense and defense."

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Senior dominates in win over Clarinda

By CLARK GRELL
SPORTS EDITOR

Maryville girls' basketball team's Cauleen Bradley knew she had her work cut out for her going into Monday's game against Clarinda, Iowa, a team with a lot of depth in the post.

However, that did not stop the senior post player from dumping 26 points on the Cardinals in the 'Hounds' 76-58 win.

"We really didn't know much about Clarinda but it was a good game to get us going, so I'm glad we won it," Bradley said.

Bradley scored 14 points in the first half, helping the 'Hounds to a 35-29 advantage after two quarters. By the end of three quarters, she had scored 20 points.

The 'Hounds' ball movement around the post was key to the team's success in the victory, Bradley said.

"They had some big girls," she said. "They were hard to move around, but I think we all played well together and passed it around well. (We) did a little high-low, so it worked out well."

Maryville head coach Randall Cook said he was impressed with the play of Bradley and her contributions to the team.

"She battles and is here to help everybody out and be a team player," he said. "She's also going to look for offense and tonight (Monday) we needed it, every bit of it — that was nice for her."

Two other 'Hounds finished in double figures. Junior Hilary Reynolds finished with 16 points and junior Abby Walter added 12 points.

Both teams went back and forth to start the game. The first period ended on

a shot at the buzzer by Clarinda, which tied the game at 13.

The 'Hounds took the lead early in the second period on a jumper by Walter, which gave Maryville an 18-17 lead.

The 'Hounds never trailed after that shot.

A three-pointer by sophomore Kelli Dawson, followed by two free throws by Bradley gave the 'Hounds a 25-19 lead midway through the second quarter.

The 'Hounds went into halftime with a six-point lead.

Maryville went up 41-31 after three quick baskets to start the third quarter.

The Cardinals would not go down easily, cutting the Maryville lead to four with less than four minutes left in the third period.

After a timeout, the 'Hounds used a full-court press defense, causing many turnovers by the Cardinals. The 'Hounds used it to their advantage, going on a 14-3 run.

"I thought on the zone (defense) we were kind of falling asleep and they (Clarinda) were getting the ball inside more than I wanted," Cook said. "So I thought we'd mix it up and try a little full-court man (defense) and they made that work. We rattled them a little bit with their ball handling and turned the (turnovers) into some scores."

A big difference between the two teams came about the free-throw line. Maryville sank 18 of 20 from the free-throw line, 13 more than Cardinals who were five of 17 from the charity stripe.

The 'Hounds now turn their attention to a home matchup at 8 p.m. Friday with St. Pius.

The team, however, still has room for improvement before Friday's game, Cook said.

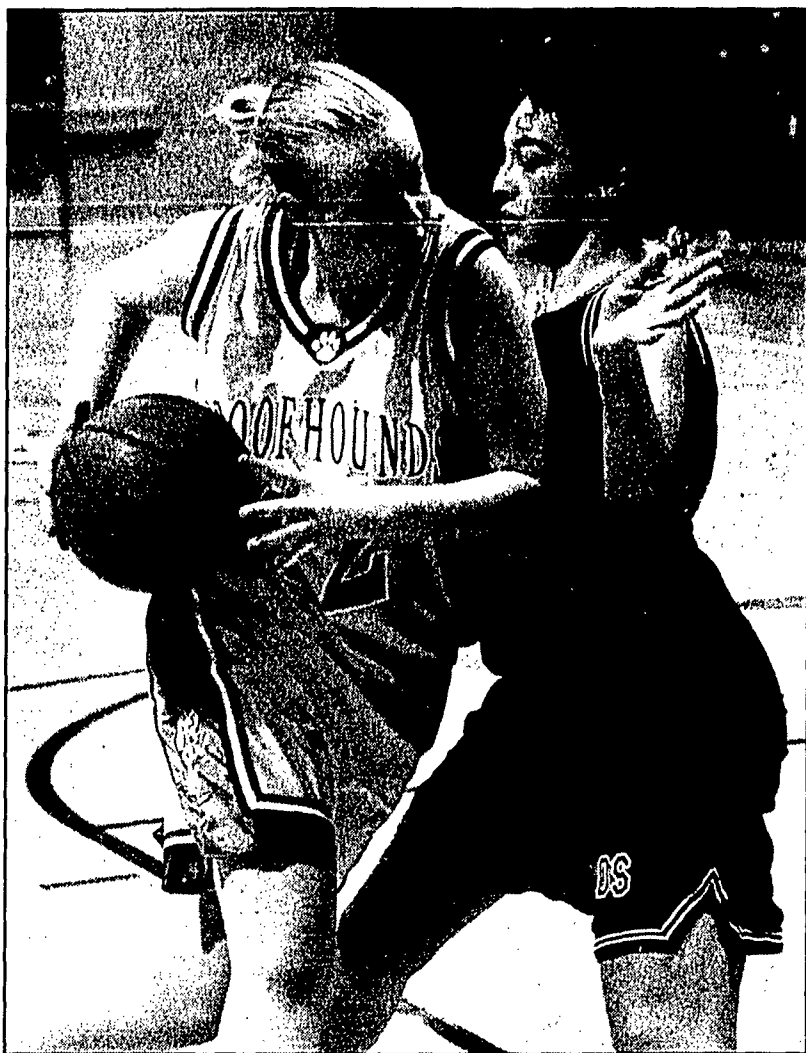


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Maryville senior Cauleen Bradley is met by Clarinda's Gerra Williams in the first half of Monday night's game. Williams scored 23 points in the game, but it was only second-best to Bradley's 26 points. Bradley was a perfect 10-of-10 at the free-throw line.

Scoring by quarter				
Clarinda	13	16	13	16
Maryville	13	22	20	21

"We got to pick up our defense a little bit more," he said. "At times it was really good and at times we just fell asleep on it."

Bradley said the team has a ways to go, despite the 'Hounds' 8-5 record.

"We're not really satisfied," she said. "It's a winning record but we have a lot of improving to do. We've got a tough conference, so we need to do a lot of improving."

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BEARCAT FOOTBALL NOTES

Tjeerdsma announces signings of three transfers

Northwest football coach Mel Tjeerdsma has added three new members to his football team.

Defensive tackle Joe Tuiceni will help fill a defensive line that lost three starters to graduation.

Tuiceni is a transfer from Snow Junior College (Utah). The Salt Lake City native was selected to the All-Western States Football League first team. He served as a team captain last season.

Linebacker Adam Long, a transfer from Wayne (Neb.) State College. He finished last season with 113 tackles, including 16 for a loss. He was selected to the All-Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference first team.

Running back Mike Fiech is a transfer from Northern Iowa University. He rushed for 54 yards on 15 carries last season.

All three are enrolled at Northwest and will take part in spring drills.

Bearcats to send one of their own to Senior Bowl

Offensive tackle Seth Wand has been named as a late addition to the Senior Bowl which will take place in Mobile, Ala. this Saturday.

Wand is one of two Division II players selected to this year's Senior Bowl. ESPN will carry the game at 1 p.m.

This will be the first of two all-star games for Wand this season. He will take part in the Hula Bowl in February.

Wand, a Springfield native, is a two-time All-American at the tackle position. As a Bearcat, Wand started every game since the beginning of his sophomore season.

Wand has been selected to the all-MIAA team three times in his career at Northwest.

Illnesses handicap grapplers in 50-27 loss

By BILL KNUST
EDITOR IN CHIEF

In the end they fell to Chillicothe 50-27.

The Maryville wrestling team was not immune to the flu virus that has been making the rounds in northwest Missouri.

Without starters Boomer Durfee and heavyweight Mike Jelavich, head coach Joe Drake knew the team would have a tough time defeating the Chillicothe Hornets.

The 'Hounds got off to a fast start against Chillicothe as they got three consecutive pins from Jason Tuggle at 112, Cody Gillenwater at 119 and Derek Merrill at 125. After the pins, Drake's son, Joe, won his match by decision 3-2.

"We figured going in that we could win eight matches and still lose the dual," Drake said. "As the dual went on we lost two or three matches in the middle that we didn't expect to lose."

After Drake's decision win the 'Hounds were held winless until the 189-pound match where Eric Wilmarth pinned his opponent.

Despite Wilmarth giving the 'Hounds a boost, Maryville would not win the rest of the night.

Despite the loss, Drake was upbeat about the how the grapplers have fared this season.

"As you know we have a really young team, but for the most part we're competitive," Drake said.

The flu bug had claimed five or six wrestlers from school Wednesday, Drake said.

Those illnesses will not keep the 'Hounds from wrestling their dual with Hamilton High School and their tournament this weekend at Plattsburg.

"Even if we are missing a few guys, tomorrow is a match we should win," Drake said. "If we stay healthy for Saturday we can do well in Plattsburg."

The only thing that could keep the 'Hounds from wrestling is if any of the schools would call and cancel because of the illnesses going around, Drake said.

The junior varsity tournament scheduled for Saturday at Maryville High School has been called off because of the flu, Drake said.

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FAN PLAN

Home games

	TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Northwest men's basketball			Southwest Baptist 3:30 p.m.				CMSU 7:30 p.m.
Northwest women's basketball			Southwest Baptist 1:30 p.m.				CMSU 5:30 p.m.
Northwest indoor track & field			Ward Hackett Invite Feb. 14-15				
Maryville boys' basketball			Savannah Tournament 18-19		Mid Buchanan 7:30 p.m.		
Maryville girls' basketball			St. Pius 8 p.m.			Plattsmouth Tournament 6 p.m.	
Maryville wrestling	Hamilton 6:30 p.m.		Plattsburg Tourn. 10 a.m.				

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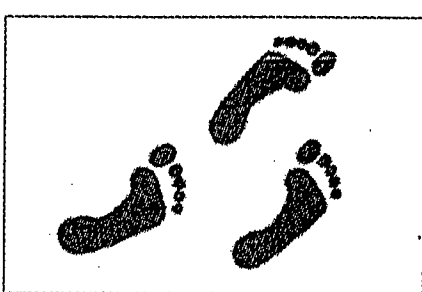
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Your Man preaches serenity

As the sun rises on the spring trimester, it goes without saying that, as the new Stroller, Your Man most certainly has some killing-sized steel-toed Timberlands to fill. Unfortunately, my dogs just may not be big enough.

Yes, 'tis true that my talented predecessor signaled the dawn of a new day for this time-honored tradition of The Northwest Missourian, escalating above and beyond the call of duty in delivering his promise to serve as the voice of you, the student. With poignant, thought-provoking and often biting commentary regarding a number of campus and community issues, it is true that my predecessor did his job. And he did it well. This serves as the reason why an unbelievable fear pierces my black heart like a hastily fired bullet aimed instead for the threatening likeness of Honest Abe.

Sorry, Your Man just couldn't resist the cheap shot (or the pathetic pun, for that matter). You see, in loyally celebrating and frequently cringing from the comments of Your Previous Man in his valiant battle against the evils of Campus Safety, KZLX and online courses, I have come to the re-



The Stroller

alization that no matter how hard Your Man may fight for uprising and revolution here at Northwest, it's less than likely that our beloved and respected President Hubbard will read it and say "Hm...this 19-year-old kid who obviously knows everything is absolutely correct. Discard Campus Safety immediately! Let's revamp online courses! And by golly, I just noticed that overpriced Campus Dining items really do suck. Long John Silver's vouchers for all!"

And so the sarcasm drips on. I guess what I'm trying to say is, while these important University issues do indeed affect me, I learned long ago not to

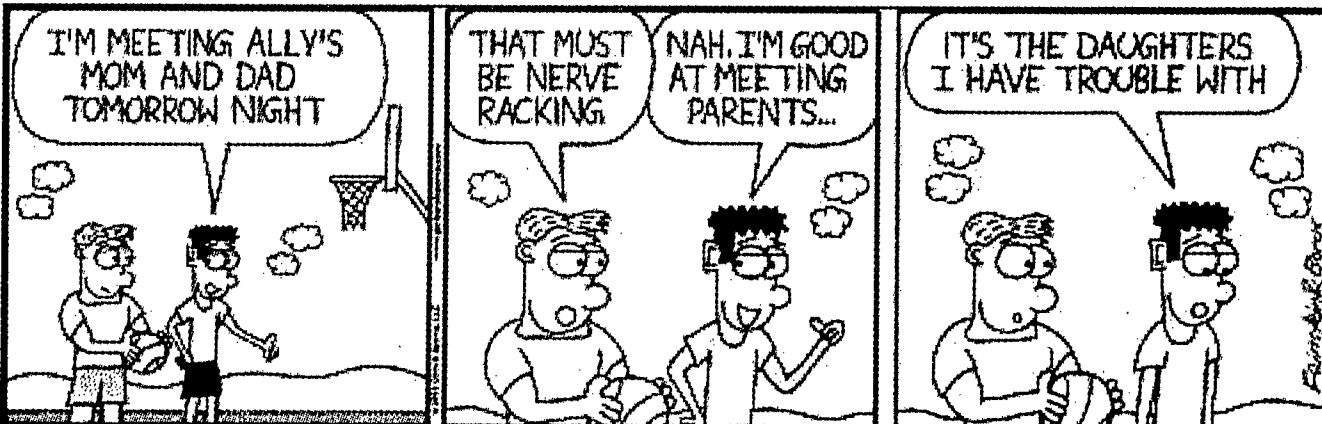
waste my time on things I can't change. Much like the rest of you, I worry about the menial things that at the present, don't seem so menial. Take for instance, if I will hear my three shrieking alarms to wake me up for class, whether or not Mom will notice the 14 parking tickets charged to her bill, and just how old that jar of mayonnaise I ate really was.

In short, fellow students, it's not that I'm apathetic, but instead, in my own sick little way, serene. We all think it sucks that our Rent-a-Cops are packing heat. But we'll still obey them. If we were limber enough, we'd all rather kick ourselves in the face than eat more of Campus Dining's sludge, but we'll continue to wolf it down like Bearcat linebackers at a Chinese buffet. And you, Dear Reader, may despise this column, in addition to the fact that I can hide in snug confidence behind my anonymity, but I trust you'll read it anyway, because, like it or not, that's the way we are. So here's to a great trimester. Cheers.

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Girls & Sports

By Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein



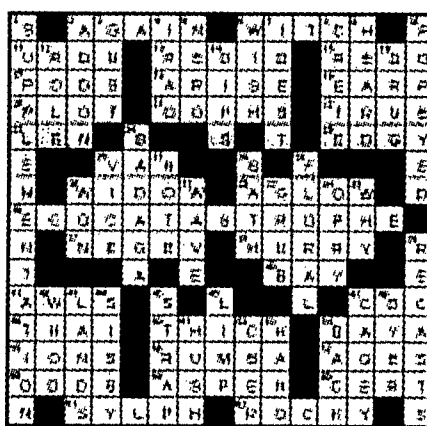
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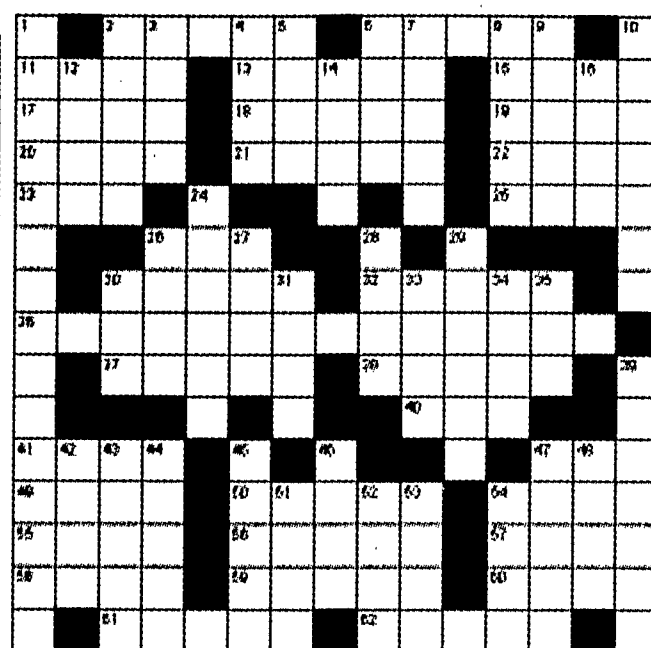
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6. Enchantress
11. Sanskrit language
13. Remodeled
15. Refashion
17. Shells
18. Get up
19. Old marshal
20. Patch
21. 19th letter of the Hebrew alphabet
22. Faithful
23. Male name
25. Upright
26. Forefront
30. Bereaved woman

32. Lament
36. E.g. global warming
37. Israeli desert
38. Hasten
40. Howl
41. Piercing devices
47. Centers for Disease Control
49. Siamese
50. Chummy
54. Common Indian weaver-bird
55. Charged atoms
56. Latin dance
57. Periods

58. Likelihood
59. Ski center
60. Sure thing
61. Inhabitant of the air
62. Difficult

Down

1. Something that adds to
2. Append (3,2)
3. Outburst of passionate feeling
4. Republic between the Tigris and Euphrates

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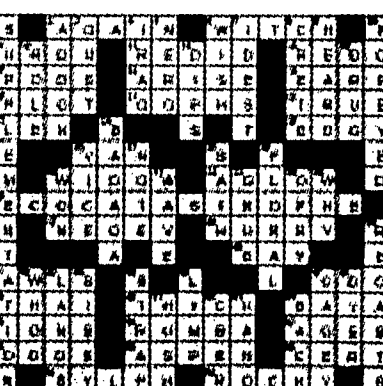
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